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CALYREX'S SECRET CARROT!

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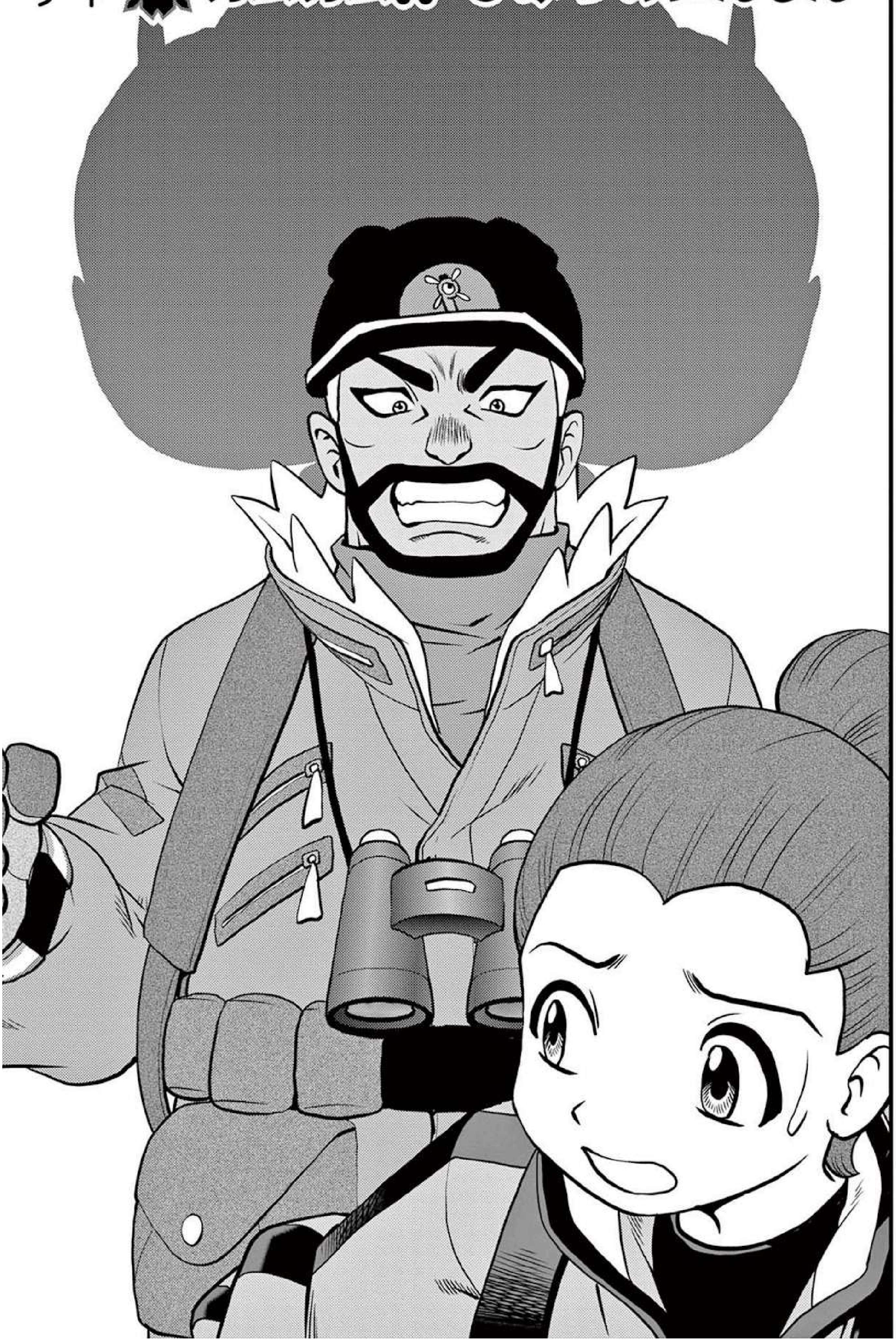

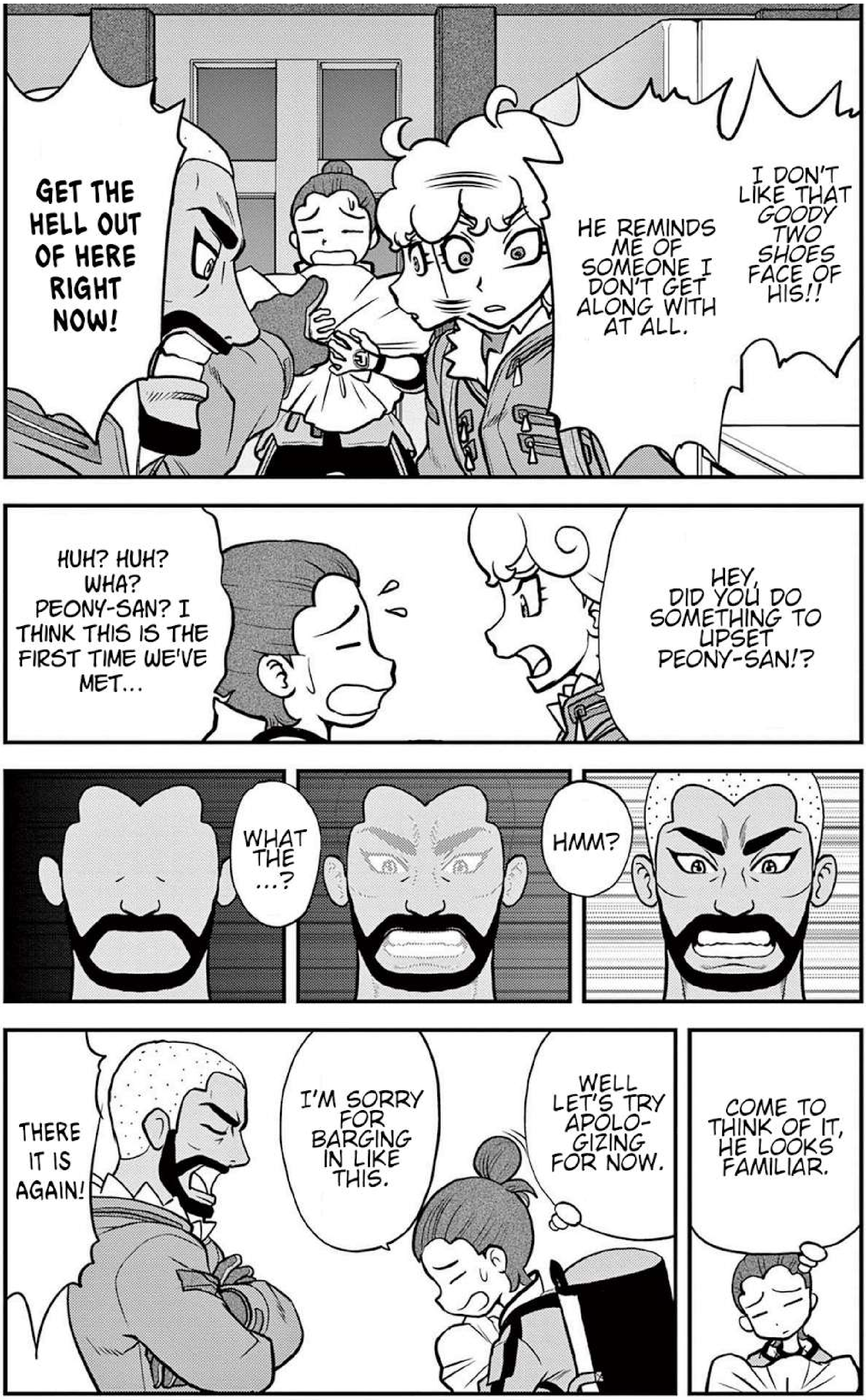
I DON'T LIKE THAT GOODY TWO SHOES FACE OF HIS!!
HE REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE I DON'T GET ALONG WITH AT ALL.
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!
HEY, DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO UPSET PEONY-SAN!?
HUH? HUH? WHA? PEONY-SAN? I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET…
HMM?
WHAT THE …?
COME TO THINK OF IT, HE LOOKS FAMILIAR.
WELL LET'S TRY APOLOGIZING FOR NOW.
I'M SORRY FOR BARGING IN LIKE THIS.
THERE IT IS AGAIN!

HUH ~!?
THAT RIGHT THERE IS EXACTLY WHAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT YOU!
I WILL **NEVER** LET YOU JOIN OUR EXPLORATION TEAM!
CAPTAIN, SEND HIM OFF TO THE MAYOR'S PLACE!
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR HIM?
JUST LET HIM JOIN YOUR GROUP.
NIA~CHA~N!
DID YOU GET HURT!? DID YOU MISS YOUR PAPA!?
NO WAY. ARE YOUR EYES EVEN WORKING?
I WAS MAKING MY WAY THROUGH THE MAX LAIR, BUT THE POKEMON THAT AREN'T FROM GALAR ARE PRETTY TOUGH.
I FELT LIKE I NEEDED A LOT OF LUCK TO KEEP GOING...
BUT I WASN'T HAVING ANY LUCK WITH MY ENCOUNTERS SO I HAD ENOUGH.

SO THEN I MET UP WITH THE RESEARCHERS AT THE LAIR AND PEOPLE AT THE STATION...
I HEARD THAT MY OLD MAN'S EXPLORATION TEAM BUILT UP A REPUTATION OF FIGHTING AND CATCHING LEGENDARY POKEMON...
AND I THOUGHT: THAT SEEMS MORE FUN!
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT *IS* FUN!
SO, FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE TAGGING ALONG!
ALRIGHT!
HEY! I'LL LET YOU JOIN OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR NIA-CHAN.
OH, THANKS.
I'M TSURUGI SOUDO. NICE TO MEET YOU NIA-SAN.
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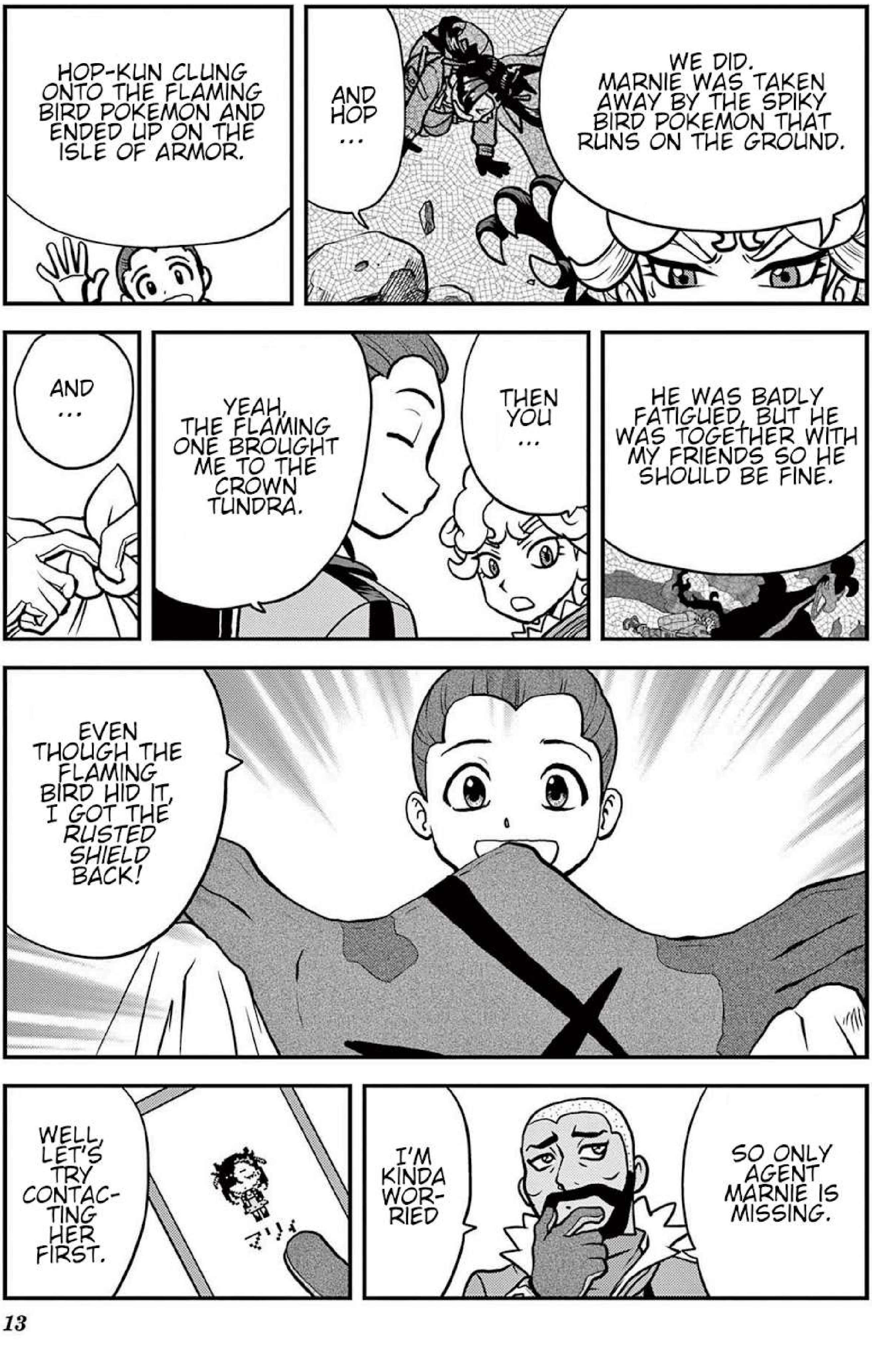
KYA-HA-HA-HA!
MY NAME IS PEONIA.
GE-EZ
I'M THE NOISY OLD MAN'S DAUGHTER! NICE TO MEET YOU!
OH YEAH, WHAT HAPPENED TO AGENTS HOP AND MARNIE?
YOU ENCOUNTERED AND BATTLED THE 3 LEGENDARY BIRD POKEMON, DIDN'T YOU?


WE DID. MARNIE WAS TAKEN AWAY BY THE SPIKY BIRD POKEMON THAT RUNS ON THE GROUND.
AND HOP ...
HOP-KUN CLUNG ONTO THE FLAMING BIRD POKEMON AND ENDED UP ON THE ISLE OF ARMOR.
HE WAS BADLY FATIGUED, BUT HE WAS TOGETHER WITH MY FRIENDS SO HE SHOULD BE FINE.
THEN YOU ...
YEAH, THE FLAMING ONE BROUGHT ME TO THE CROWN TUNDRA.
AND ...
EVEN THOUGH THE FLAMING BIRD HID IT, I GOT THE RUSTED SHIELD BACK!
SO ONLY AGENT MARNIE IS MISSING.
I'M KINDA WOR-RIED
WELL, LET'S TRY CONTAC-TING HER FIRST.

SFX: RING RING RING
SFX: SPLAT
AH
HM?
GYAH!? SNOT!?
OH, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.
RUB
YOUR PHONE IS RINGING.

HELLO?
OH! AGENT MARNIE! ARE YOU OKAY?
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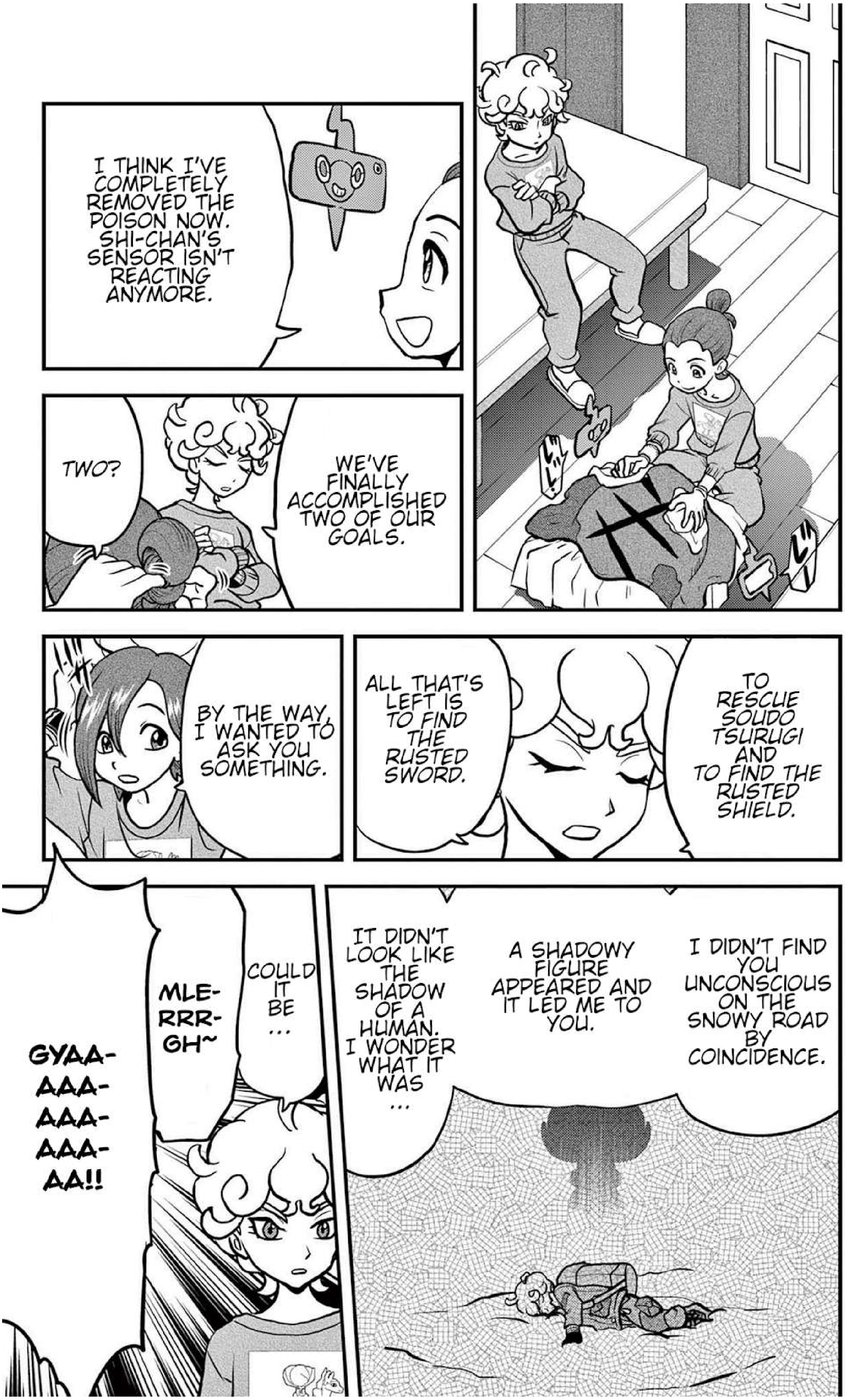
AH~~~! WHAT A RELIEF! WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW!?
UHM, THE SPIKY ONE WAS RUNNING INCREDIBLY FAST SO I BLACKED OUT...
WHERE AM I?
ROUTE 6, THE FOSSIL RESTO-RATION CAMP.
...SHE SAYS.
THEN SHE MUST BE NEAR STOW-ON-SIDE.
IT'S A PLACE I'D RATHER FORGET.
I'LL HEAD BACK RIGHT NOW-
OUCH!!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE SPRAINS ALL OVER YOUR BODY.
I'M SURE YOUR BODY MUST HAVE COLLIDED A LOT ON THE WAY HERE.

SFX: THROB

YOU ALSO WENT FLYING INTO THE FLOOR WHEN MY ARCTOZOLT SAVED YOU.
SO **YOU'RE** THE ONE WHO SAVED ME!?
I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
CAPTAIN. I HAVE TO REPAY HER FOR HELPING ME SO I CAN'T COME BACK FOR A WHILE.
PLEASE GIVE BEDE AND HOP MY BEST REGARDS!
UH, GOT IT!
RE-PAY...
IF YOU HAVE TO REPAY ME THEN THAT MEANS YOU'LL DO ANYTHING I WANT, RIGHT!?
HUH!?
IS THAT HOW IT WOR-KS?
WELL THEN, PLEASE HELP ME OUT WITH MY RESEARCH.
RESE-ARCH?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT FOSSIL RESTO-RATION?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT REVIVING FOSSILS.

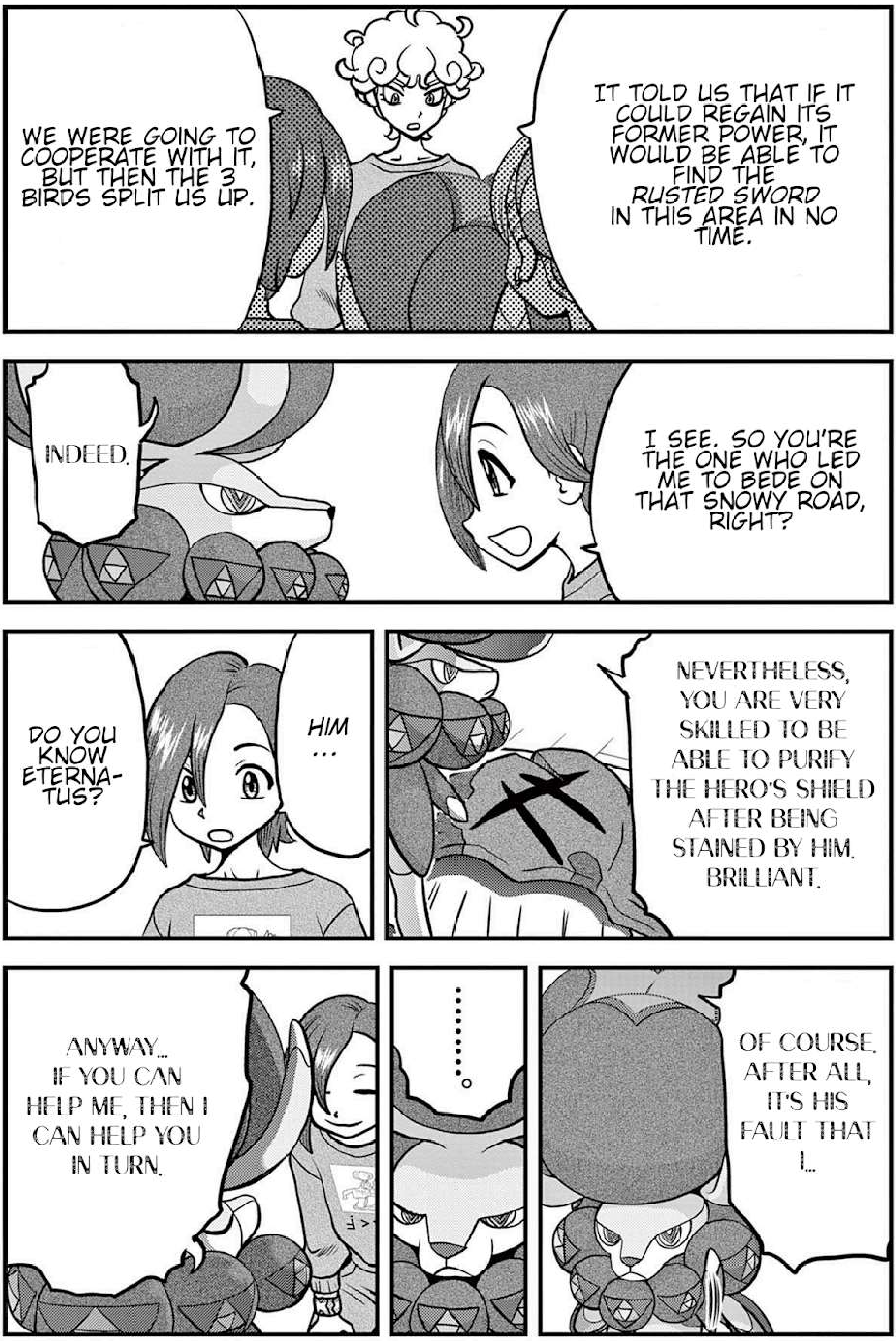
I'M CARA LISS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPAYMENT.
I'M INJU-RED ...
YOU'LL REPAY ME UNTIL I'M SATISFIED, RIGHT?
THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME!
I'M HOP!
HE'S LEON'S LITTLE BROTHER.
HEY! THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET ...!
WHAT ?
THE CHAM-PION'S LITTLE BRO-THER ?!
I THOUGHT THAT ANOTHER NEW STUDENT WOULD GET IN MY WAY BUT IF I CAN GET THE LITTLE BROTHER ON MY SIDE, THE CHAMPION COULD GIVE ME A CONVENIENT SHORTCUT TO BECOMING A GYM LEADER!

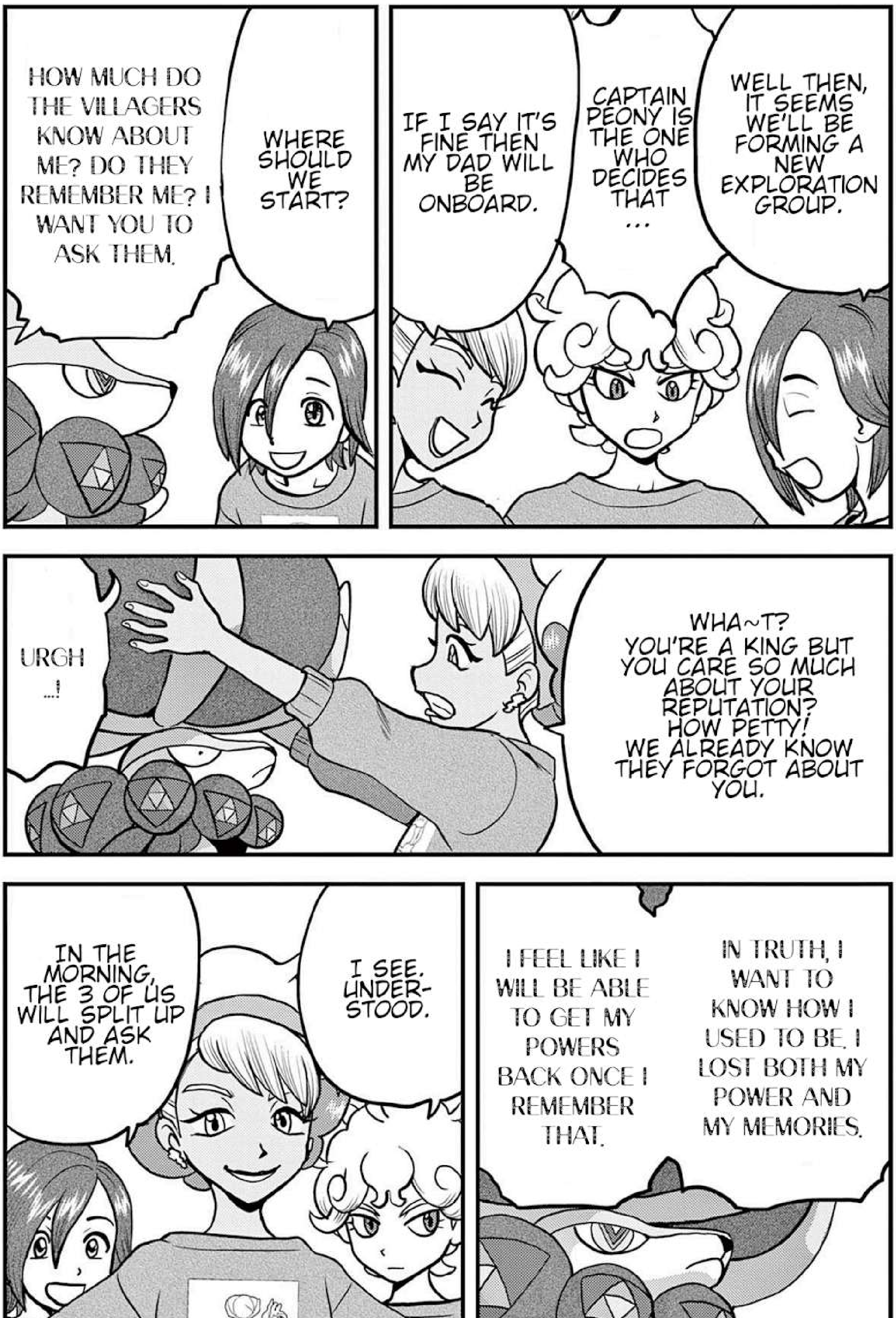
NOTE: KOUHAI MEANS JUNIOR, THE OPPOSITE OF SENPAI


I THINK I'VE COMPLETELY REMOVED THE POISON NOW. SHI-CHAN'S SENSOR ISN'T REACTING ANYMORE.
WE'VE FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED TWO OF OUR GOALS.
TWO?
TO RESCUE SOUDO TSURUGI AND TO FIND THE RUSTED SHIELD.
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO FIND THE RUSTED SWORD.
BY THE WAY, I WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
I DIDN'T FIND YOU UNCONSCIOUS ON THE SNOWY ROAD BY COINCIDENCE.
A SHADOWY FIGURE APPEARED AND IT LED ME TO YOU.
IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE SHADOW OF A HUMAN. I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
COULD IT BE...
MLE-RRR-GH~
GYAA-AAA-AAA-AAA-AA!!

THE OLD MAN SUDDENLY GOT EVEN WEIRDER!
NIA-SAN, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID.
YOUR FATHER'S BODY HAS BECOME THE VESSEL FOR THE KING OF BOUNTIFUL HARVESTS.
THE-THE KING OF BOUN-TIFUL HARVE-STS?
IT'S RIGHT OVER THERE.
AH, IT'S HEAD IS SO BIG!
AND ACTUALLY, HE'S SO C.U.T.E!

HUH? SO THE OLD MAN IS BEING POSSESSED BY THIS POKEMON!?
TO BE MORE PRECISE, I AM BORROWING HIS BODY TO CONVEY MY MESSAGE,
IT'S MY DAD TALKING, BUT HE'S TALKING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ...!
SO, WHAT? **YOU'RE** TALKING RIGHT NOW? WOW!
I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU SIMPLY.
A LONG TIME AGO, THE *KING OF BOUNTIFUL HARVEST* BROUGHT GREAT HARVESTS TO THIS LAND. HE RULED THE LAND WAS MET WITH THE REVERENCE OF THE PEOPLE.
BUT OVER TIME, PEOPLE STOPPED BELIEVING IN HIS EXISTENCE AND STARTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE STORY WAS A MERE FAIRY TALE.
THAT STATUE OUTSIDE IS MISSHAPED, BUT NOBODY EVEN TOOK ANY NOTICE BECAUSE THEY HAD ALREADY ABANDONED THE STATUE.
WE JUST SO HAPPENED TO RESTORE THE STATUE TO IT'S PROPER SHAPE ...
IT SEEMS TO HAVE RECOVERED THE POWER TO COMMUNICATE USING A HUMAN MEDIUM.


IT TOLD US THAT IF IT COULD REGAIN ITS FORMER POWER, IT WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE *RUSTED SWORD* IN THIS AREA IN NO TIME.
WE WERE GOING TO COOPERATE WITH IT, BUT THEN THE 3 BIRDS SPLIT US UP.
I SEE. SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LED ME TO BEDE ON THAT SNOWY ROAD, RIGHT?
INDEED.
NEVERTHELESS, YOU ARE VERY SKILLED TO BE ABLE TO PURIFY THE HERO'S SHIELD AFTER BEING STAINED BY HIM. BRILLIANT.
HIM ...
DO YOU KNOW ETERNA-TUS?
OF COURSE. AFTER ALL, IT'S HIS FAULT THAT I...
.........。
ANYWAY... IF YOU CAN HELP ME, THEN I CAN HELP YOU IN TURN.


WELL THEN, IT SEEMS WE'LL BE FORMING A NEW EXPLORATION GROUP.
CAPTAIN PEONY IS THE ONE WHO DECIDES THAT ...
IF I SAY IT'S FINE THEN MY DAD WILL BE ONBOARD.
WHERE SHOULD WE START?
HOW MUCH DO THE VILLAGERS KNOW ABOUT ME? DO THEY REMEMBER ME? I WANT YOU TO ASK THEM.
WHA~T? YOU'RE A KING BUT YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION? HOW PETTY! WE ALREADY KNOW THEY FORGOT ABOUT YOU.
URGH ...!
IN TRUTH, I WANT TO KNOW HOW I USED TO BE. I LOST BOTH MY POWER AND MY MEMORIES.
I FEEL LIKE I WILL BE ABLE TO GET MY POWERS BACK ONCE I REMEMBER THAT.
I SEE. UNDER-STOOD.
IN THE MORNING, THE 3 OF US WILL SPLIT UP AND ASK THEM.

NEXT MORNING
THE KING POKEMON?
IF IT REALLY IS HERE, IT WOULD BE A TOURIST HOTSPOT. IT COULD ATTRACT PEOPLE, WE COULD SELL OUR MERCHANDISE AND MAKE THE VILLAGE PROSPER.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET! HERE'S SOME FREEZINGTON MERCH!
IT'S A FAIRY TALE I HEARD FROM MY GRANDMA WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
IF YOU PLAY PRANKS ON THE FIELD, IT WOULD TAKE OVER YOUR BODY...
THE MISCHIEVOUS WHITE ONE THAT ATE A COLD CARROT. ♪
THE ICY WHITE ONE GOBBLES UP A COLD VEGETABLE. ♪
THE MISCHIEVOUS BLACK ONE THAT ATE A BLACK CARROT. ♪
THE GHOSTLY BLACK ONE MUNCHES ON A BLACK VEGETABLE. ♪

OH, YOU'RE BACK! YOU MUST BE HUNGRY! YOURS TRULY IS PREPARING A SUPER DELICIOUS AND EXTREMELY ENERGIZING CURRY, AFTER ALL!
IF YOU WERE GOING EXPLORING, YOU COULD HAVE WOKEN ME UP. HOW COLD.
NIA WAS GONE WHEN I WOKE UP AND I HAD TO STAY BEHIND TO WATCH THE HOUSE.
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SFX: SNIFF
WHAT WAS THAT SONG JUST NOW?
IT'S WHAT THE ELDERLY LADIES IN THE VILLAGE WERE SINGING.
ONE OF THEIR GRANDCHILDREN KEPT ASKING THE OLD LADY TO SING IT, SO I ENDED UP LEARNING IT TOO.
I HEARD IT TODAY TOO. IT SEEMS TO BE CALLED THE KING'S POKEMON STEED.
NOBODY ASKED YOU...
MLE-RRRGH~
WHOA!

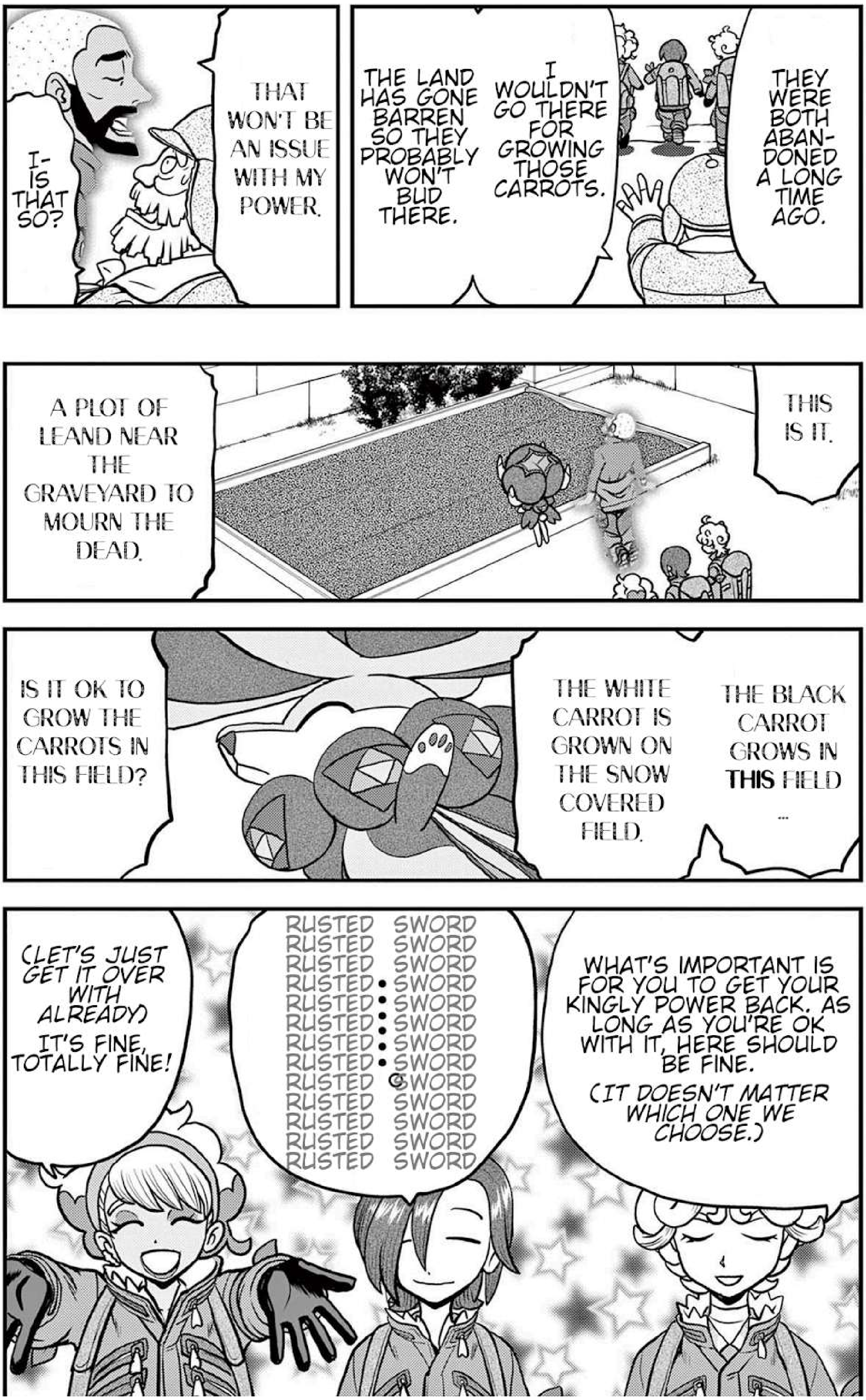
SFX: SLAM
I REMEMBER!
I HAD A BELOVED HORSE!
YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE CONSIDERING THE STATUE AND SWEATER.
INDEED! IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATUE AND LISTEN TO THE SONG IT ALL BECOMES CLEAR.
I HAVE REMEMBERED TO SOME EXTENT WHERE MY POWER LIES.
SO WHERE IS THAT HORSE NOW?
FAITH IS THE SOURCE OF MY POWER.
BUT AS PEOPLE LOST THEIR FAITH IN ME, MY POWER GREW WEAKER AND IT RAN AWAY.
I TOTES GET IT! IT'S LIKE WHEN PEOPLE ONLY CARE ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU HAVE A HIGH POSITION OR MONEY!
HOWEVER, I DO NOT KNOW WHERE IT IS.
AND EVEN IF WE FIND IT, I AM NOT SURE I CAN RIDE IT WITH MY CURRENT LEVEL OF STRENGTH.

UNDERSTOOD. WE'LL INVESTIGATE THE KING'S HORSE IN THE AFTERNOON.
YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHOA!
HUH? LATELY I'VE BEEN FALLING ASLEEP JUST LIKE THAT. AM I THAT TIRED?
I GUESS EVEN HOUSE-SITTING IS A LOT OF WORK!
HMM?
SOME-THING SEEMS TO BE BUR-NING.
OH NO! THE SUPER DELICIOUS AND EXTREMELY ENERGIZING CURRY MADE BY YOURS TRULY!
THE KING'S POKEMON STEED IS ...
THE BELOVED HORSE OF THE KING OF BOUNTIFUL HARVEST?
OH MY, IS THAT REALLY TRUE?
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW.

THAT'S THE STORY ABOUT A WILD POKEMON WHICH LAYS WASTE TO THE FIELDS.
IF IT'S JUST A FAIRY TALE THEN FINE, BUT IF IT **ACTUALLY** APPEARS I'LL SEND HIM BACK WHERE HE CAME FROM WITH MY ABOMASNOW!
THIS TIME YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE KING'S BELOVED HORSE?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, MY ANCESTORS LEFT BEHIND A DOCUMENT ABOUT IT. SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.
HERE IT IS.
WITH HIS TREASURED REINS, THE KING DREW OUT ITS POWER ...
TOGETHER, THEY COULD BIRTH AN ENTIRE FOREST OVERNIGHT.
IT IS SAID THAT THE COLOR OF ITS FUR WAS WHITE LIKE FREEZING ICE. ALTHOUGH...
IT IS ALSO SAID THAT IT'S AS BLACK AS A GHOST IN THE NIGHT.

NONE ALIVE CAN NOW SAY WHICH IS THE TRUTH.
IT'S JUST LIKE THE SONG. SO THERE ARE 2 TYPES OF CARROTS ...
YES, EXACTLY LIKE THE ONES THAT WERE DESCRIBED IN THIS BOOK.
THE BLACK CARROT AND THE COLD CARROT ARE ...
A FREEZ-INGTON SPECIALTY.
THE CAR-ROTS!
THAT'S RIGHT, IT ONCE WENT AFTER THE CROPS ...
HOLDING IT STEADY WAS VERY TROUBLE-SOME.
IT WAS CAR-ROTS!
IF THAT IS THE CASE, WE CAN GET BACK MY BELOVED HORSE IF WE LURE IT IN WITH ITS' FAVORITE CARROTS!
ARE THOSE CARROTS GROWING WITHIN THE VILLAGE?
ABOUT THAT... IT SEEMS LIKE THEY AREN'T CULTIVATING THEM AT THE MOMENT.

...ROWN, HOW VERY REGRE-TTABLE ...!
IF ONLY I COULD USE MY POWER AS THE DOCUM-ENT DESC-RIBED...!
WITH A SINGLE GRAIN OF SEED I COULD HAVE GROWN MANY CARROTS.
SEED ...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THERE WERE SOME SEEDS AMONGST THE MERCHANDISE THAT I WAS FORCED TO BUY...
FOUND IT!
OH~!
I SEE, THAT MUST BE...
THE PLOT OF LAND NEAR THE GRAVE AND THE PLOT OF LAND NEAR THE SNOWFIELD CANYON THAT LIE WITHIN THE GIANT'S BED.
I CAN PICTURE SOME-THING...
PLOTS OF LAND IN A SNOWFIELD SUITABLE FOR RAISING THOSE CROPS!


THEY WERE BOTH ABANDONED A LONG TIME AGO.
I WOULDN'T GO THERE FOR GROWING THOSE CARROTS.
THE LAND HAS GONE BARREN SO THEY PROBABLY WON'T BUD THERE.
THAT WON'T BE AN ISSUE WITH MY POWER.
I- IS THAT SO?
THIS IS IT.
A PLOT OF LEAND NEAR THE GRAVEYARD TO MOURN THE DEAD.
THE BLACK CARROT GROWS IN THIS FIELD ...
THE WHITE CARROT IS GROWN ON THE SNOW COVERED FIELD.
IS IT OK TO GROW THE CARROTS IN THIS FIELD?
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS FOR YOU TO GET YOUR KINGLY POWER BACK. AS LONG AS YOU'RE OK WITH IT, HERE SHOULD BE FINE.
(IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE WE CHOOSE.)
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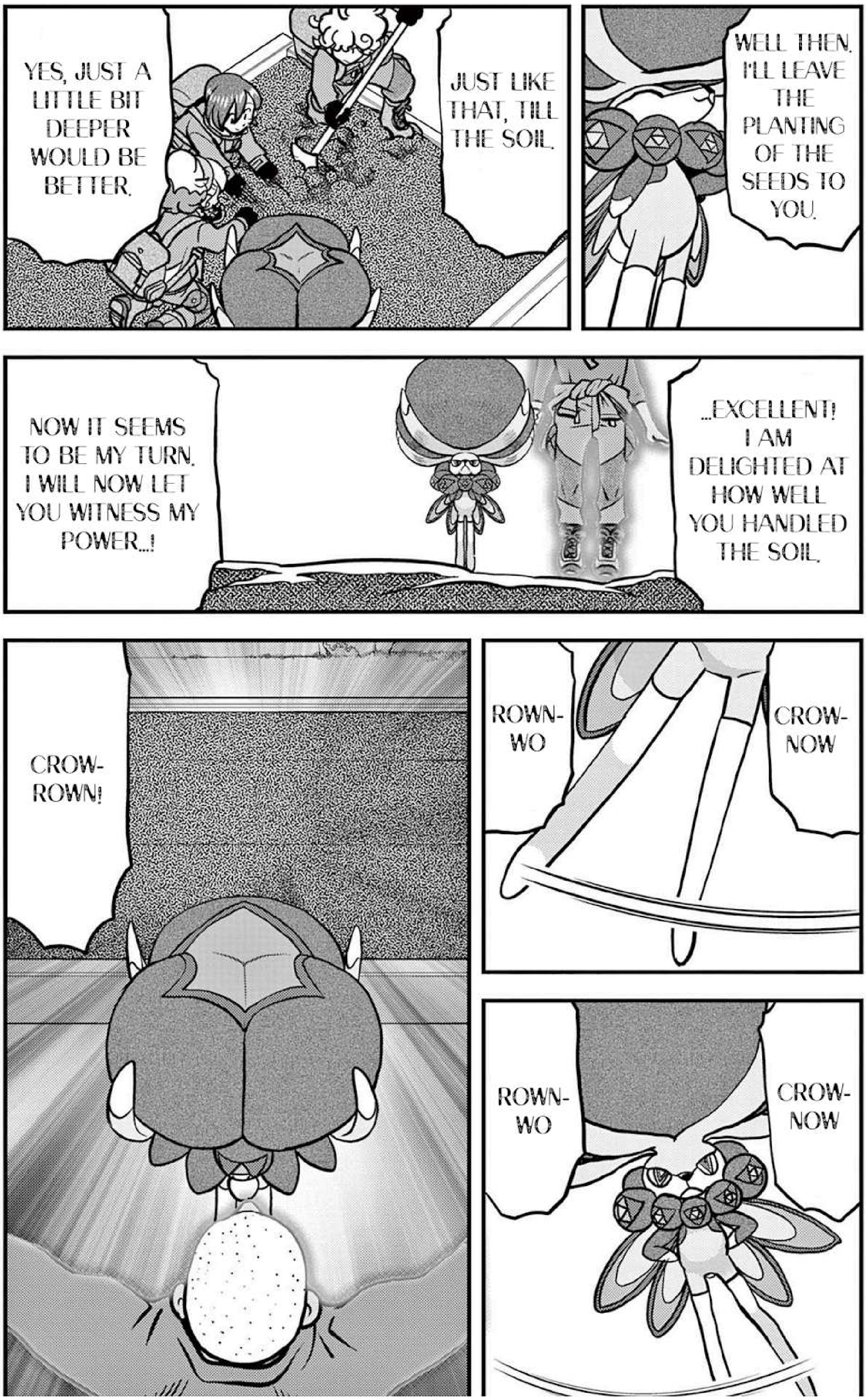
(LET'S JUST GET IT OVER WITH ALREADY) IT'S FINE, TOTALLY FINE!


YES, JUST A LITTLE BIT DEEPER WOULD BE BETTER.
JUST LIKE THAT, TILL THE SOIL.
WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE THE PLANTING OF THE SEEDS TO YOU.
NOW IT SEEMS TO BE MY TURN. I WILL NOW LET YOU WITNESS MY POWER...!
...EXCELLENT! I AM DELIGHTED AT HOW WELL YOU HANDLED THE SOIL.
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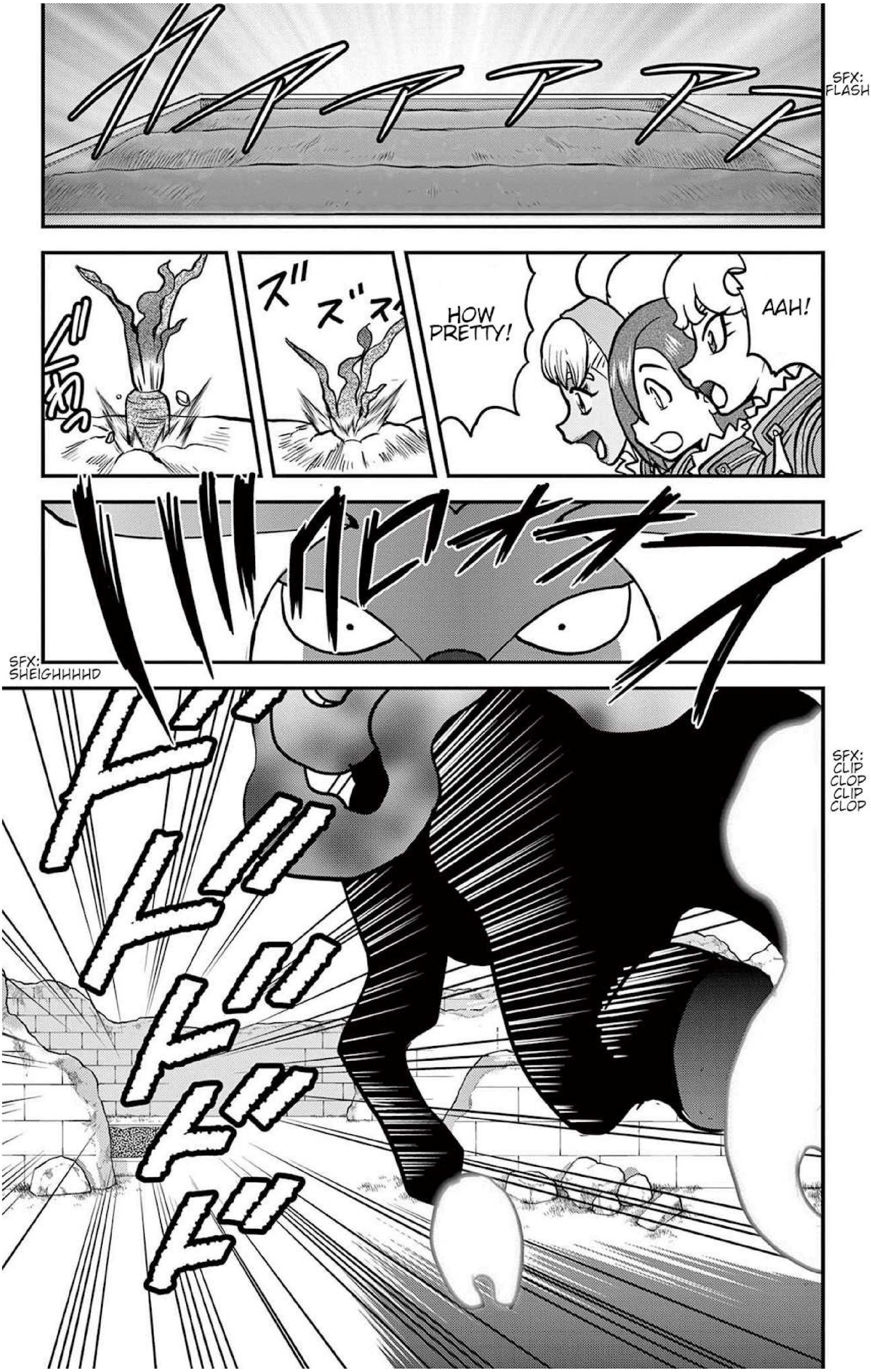
SFX: FLASH
AAH!
HOW PRETTY!
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SFX: SHEIGHHHHD
SFX: CLIP CLOP CLIP CLOP

GALLOP OF THE KING'S BELOVED STEED!!
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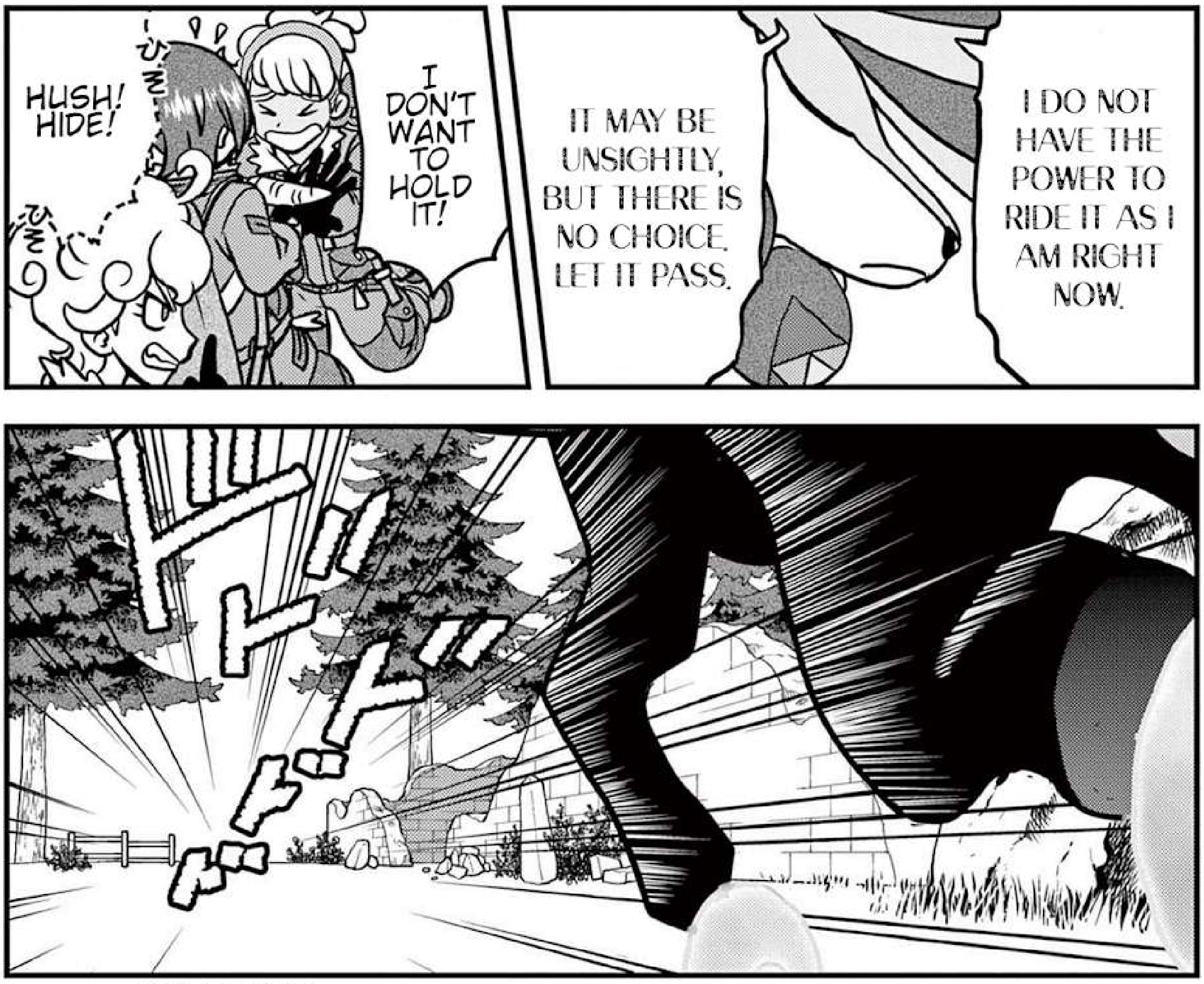
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HOOVES!
IT'S GETTING CLOSER!
IT SEEMS THAT MY STEED WAS VERY FAST TO SNIFF OUT ITS FAVOURITE DISH!
WHAT NOW!?
WE ABSOLU-TELY CANNOT LET IT HAVE THE CARROT!

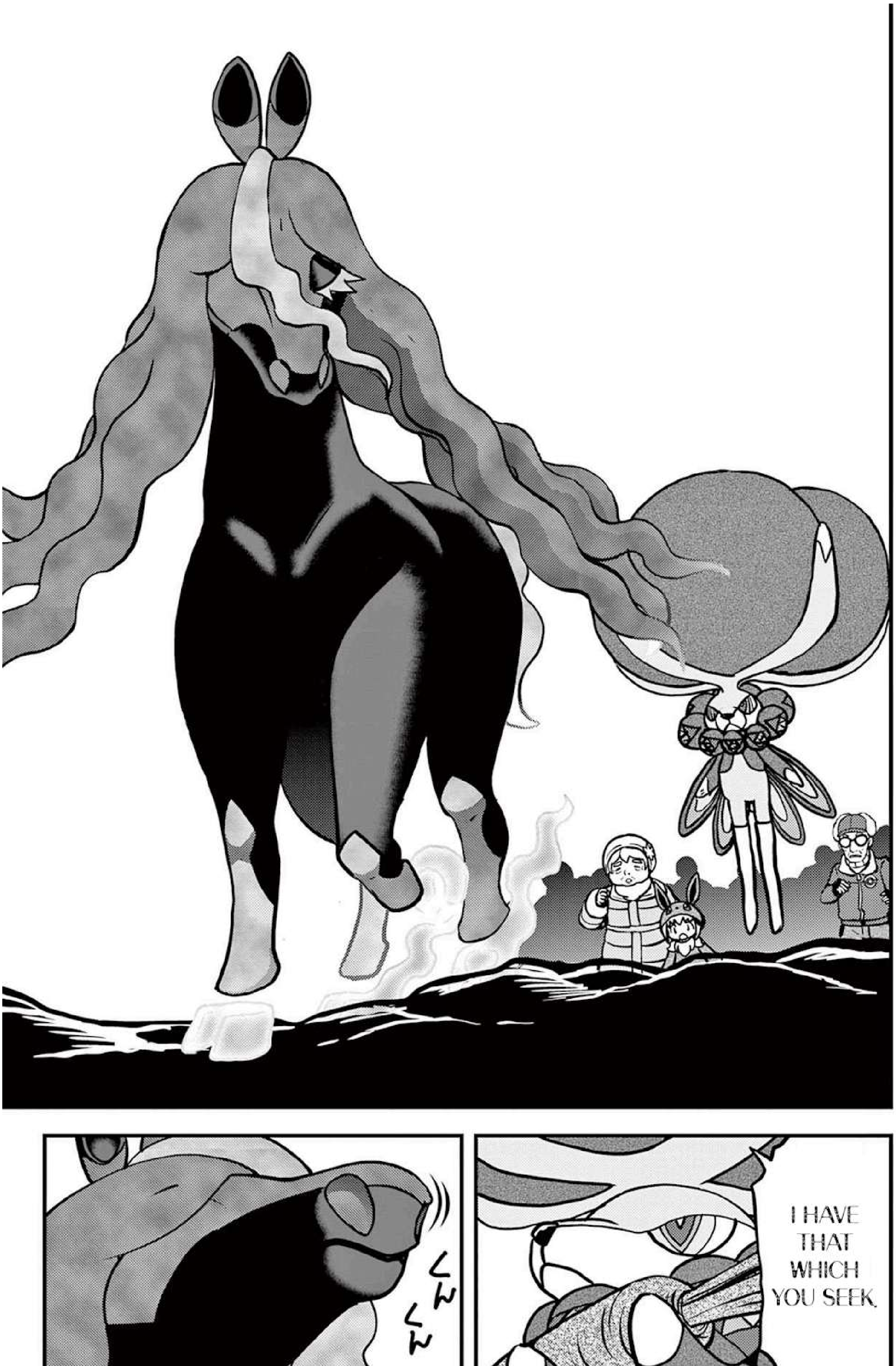
SFX: WHISPER



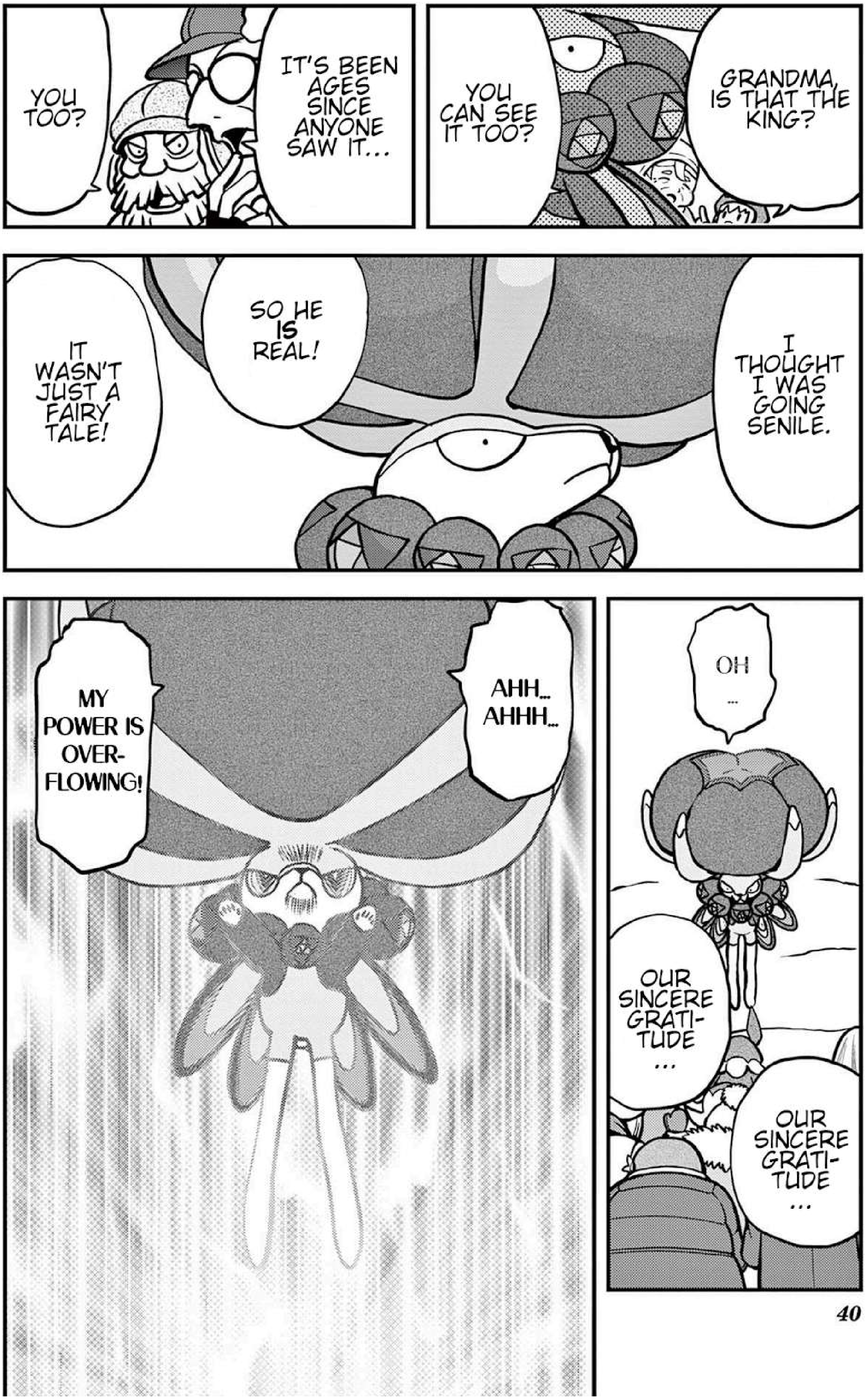
SFX: CLIP CLOP

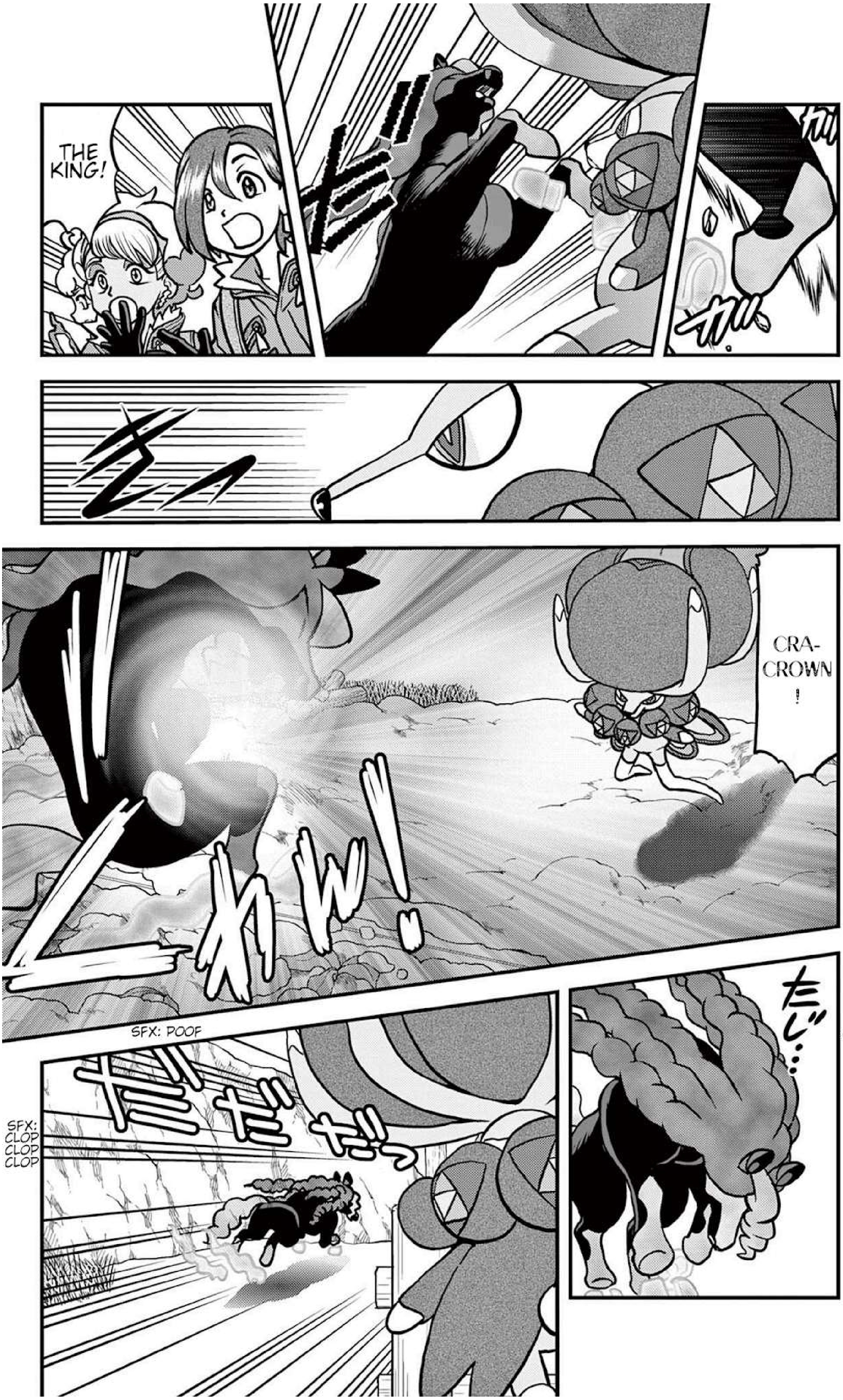
IT PICKED UP THE SCENT OF ITS' FAVOURITE DISH, BUT COULD NOT PINPOINT ITS' EXACT LOCATION.
NN.
HE PASSED US.
IT CAME FOR THE CARROT, BUT WHERE IS IT GOING NOW?
?
IT'S TOO EARLY TO CELEBRATE. WE STILL NEED YOU TO REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH SO YOU CAN RIDE HIM.
EITHER WAY, LURING IT OUT SHOULD BE EASY NOW THAT WE HAVE THE CARROT.
ON THE ROAD TO FREEZING-TON.
THE KING'S HORSE WAS RUNNING ...
THINKS THE CARROT IS IN THE SAME FIELD WHERE IT USED TO BE GROWN.
PERHAPS IT...

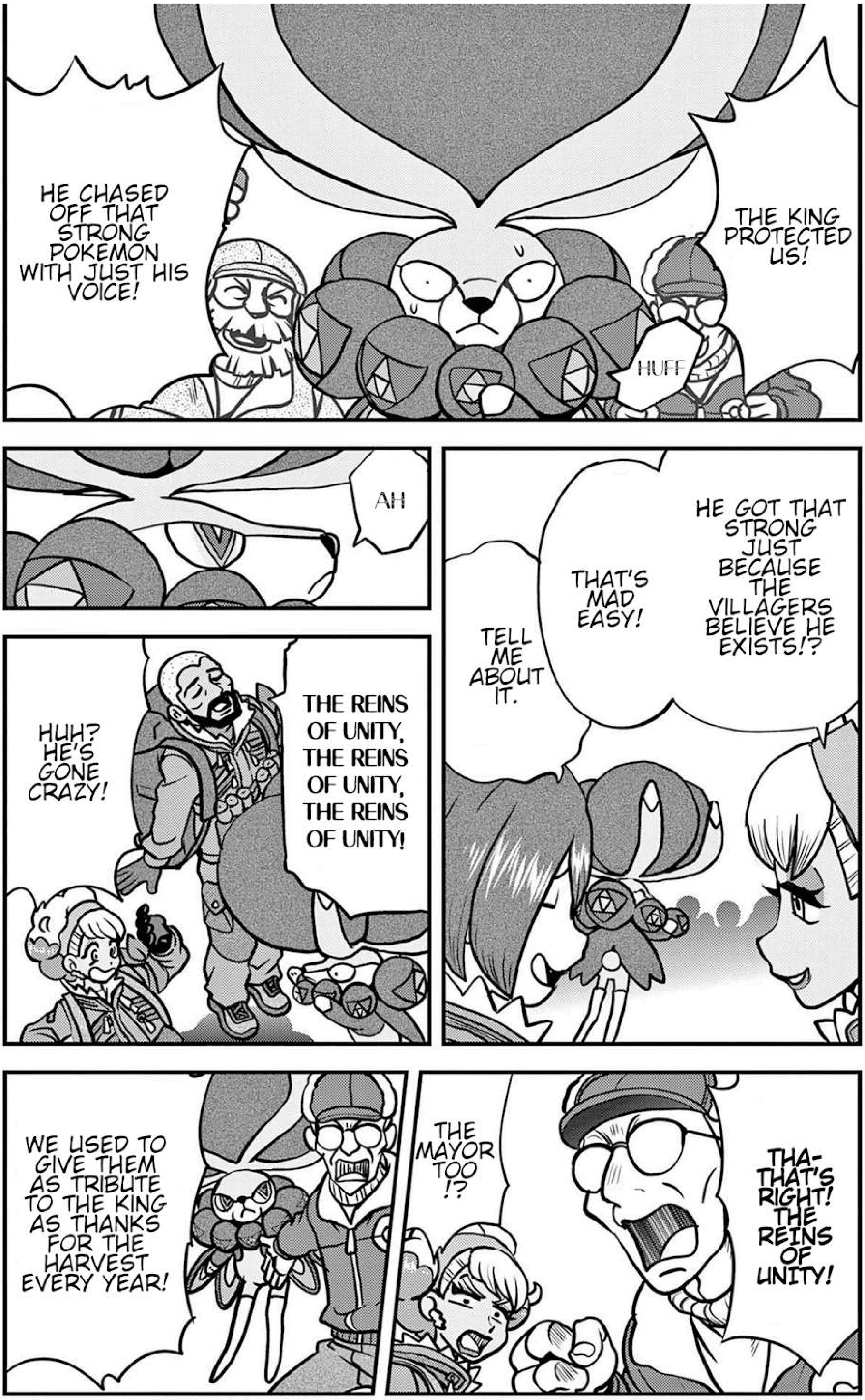
FREEZING-TON
WHAT IS THAT POKE-MON?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT.
YOU'RE RUINING MY FIELD YOU LITTLE ...!
GO! YUKINOSHIN, YUKINOJOU!
CEASE THAT! SPECTRIER!



SFX: SNIFF SNIFF


GRANDMA, IS THAT THE KING?
YOU CAN SEE IT TOO?
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE ANYONE SAW IT...
YOU TOO?
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING SENILE.
SO HE IS REAL!
IT WASN'T JUST A FAIRY TALE!
OH ...
OUR SINCERE GRATI-TUDE ...
OUR SINCERE GRATI-TUDE ...
AHH... AHHH...
MY POWER IS OVER-FLOWING!

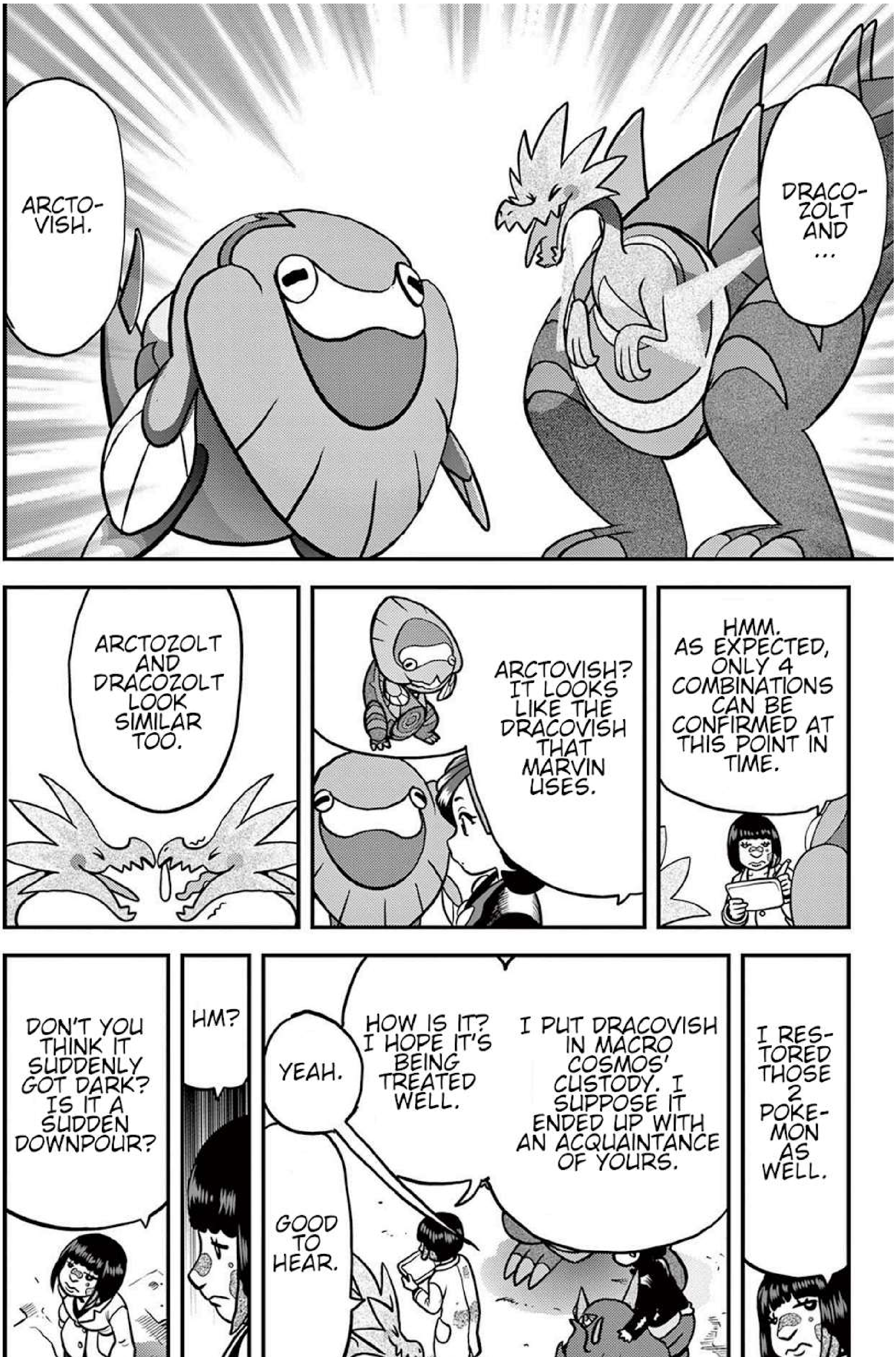

THE KING!
CRA-CROWN!
SFX: POOF
SFX: CLACK
SFX: CLOP CLOP CLOP


THE KING PROTECTED US!
HUFF
HE CHASED OFF THAT STRONG POKEMON WITH JUST HIS VOICE!
HE GOT THAT STRONG JUST BECAUSE THE VILLAGERS BELIEVE HE EXISTS!?
THAT'S MAD EASY!
TELL ME ABOUT IT.
AH
THE REINS OF UNITY, THE REINS OF UNITY, THE REINS OF UNITY!
HUH? HE'S GONE CRAZY!
THE MAYOR TOO!?
THA-THAT'S RIGHT! THE REINS OF UNITY!
WE USED TO GIVE THEM AS TRIBUTE TO THE KING AS THANKS FOR THE HARVEST EVERY YEAR!

NN.
IT IS WHAT GIVES ME THE POWER TO CONTROL SPECTRIER!
IT IS WHAT BINDS MY HEART WITH SPECTRIER AND WITH THE PEOPLE!
YES, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY ...
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BY COMBINING SOMETHING FROM THE KING, HIS HORSE AND FROM THE PEOPLE.
EXCUSE ME, MAYOR.
DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE BOOKS ABOUT THE CARROTS?
YES, LET'S GO AND CHECK IMMEDIATELY! COME TO MY HOUSE!
HEY! WHERE DID BEDE GO!?
TUNNEL TO THE TOP

BZZ BZZ
SFX: CRASH
BEDE-KUN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
NOT ANYMORE, THANKS TO **YOU**!!

ROUTE 6, FOSSIL RESTORATION CAMP
THE FOSSILIZED DINO, THE FOSSILIZED BIRD, THE FOSSILIZED DRAKE, THE FOSSILIZED FISH.
THERE'S ONE OF EACH, BUT OH WELL.
FOR SOME REASON THE ONLY FOSSILS YOU CAN FIND IN GALAR ARE EITHER TOP HALVES OR BOTTOM HALVES.
IN ADDITION, YOU CAN RESTORE THESE FOSSILS WITH ANY COMBINATION OF PIECES.
HOW STRANGE. SO YOUR RESEARCH INVOLVES SOLVING THIS MYSTERY.
NOW, LET'S BEGIN THE RESTORATION.
SFX: CLATTER CLATTER


DRACO-ZOLT AND ...
ARCTO-VISH.
HMM. AS EXPECTED, ONLY 4 COMBINATIONS CAN BE CONFIRMED AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
ARCTOVISH? IT LOOKS LIKE THE DRACOVISH THAT MARVIN USES.
ARCTOZOLT AND DRACOZOLT LOOK SIMILAR TOO.
I RES-TORED THOSE 2 POKE-MON AS WELL.
I PUT DRACOVISH IN MACRO COSMOS' CUSTODY. I SUPPOSE IT ENDED UP WITH AN ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS.
HOW IS IT? I HOPE IT'S BEING TREATED WELL.
YEAH.
GOOD TO HEAR.
HM?
DON'T YOU THINK IT SUDDENLY GOT DARK? IS IT A SUDDEN DOWNPOUR?

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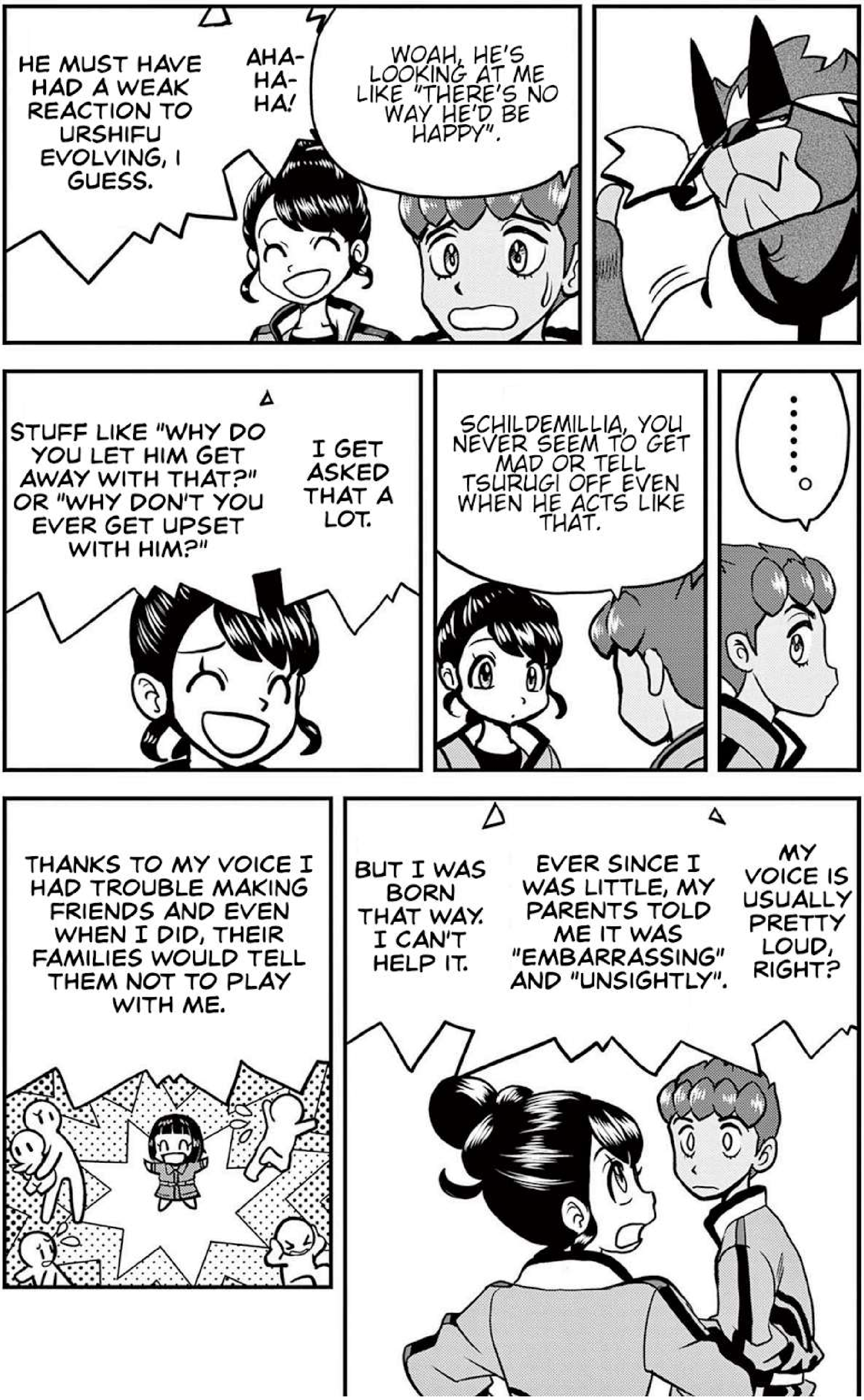
ISLE OF ARMOR
URSHIFU SEEMS UPSET.
HE'S MISSING SOU-CHAN.
ALL RIGHT!
URSHIFU! I HEARD YOU CAN GIGANTAMAX!
HOW ABOUT WE DO SOME SPECIAL TRAINING UNTIL TSURUGI COMES BACK?
I'M SURE TSURUGI WOULD BE HAPPY IF WE DID!


WOAH, HE'S LOOKING AT ME LIKE "THERE'S NO WAY HE'D BE HAPPY".
AHA-HA-HA!
HE MUST HAVE HAD A WEAK REACTION TO URSHIFU EVOLVING, I GUESS.
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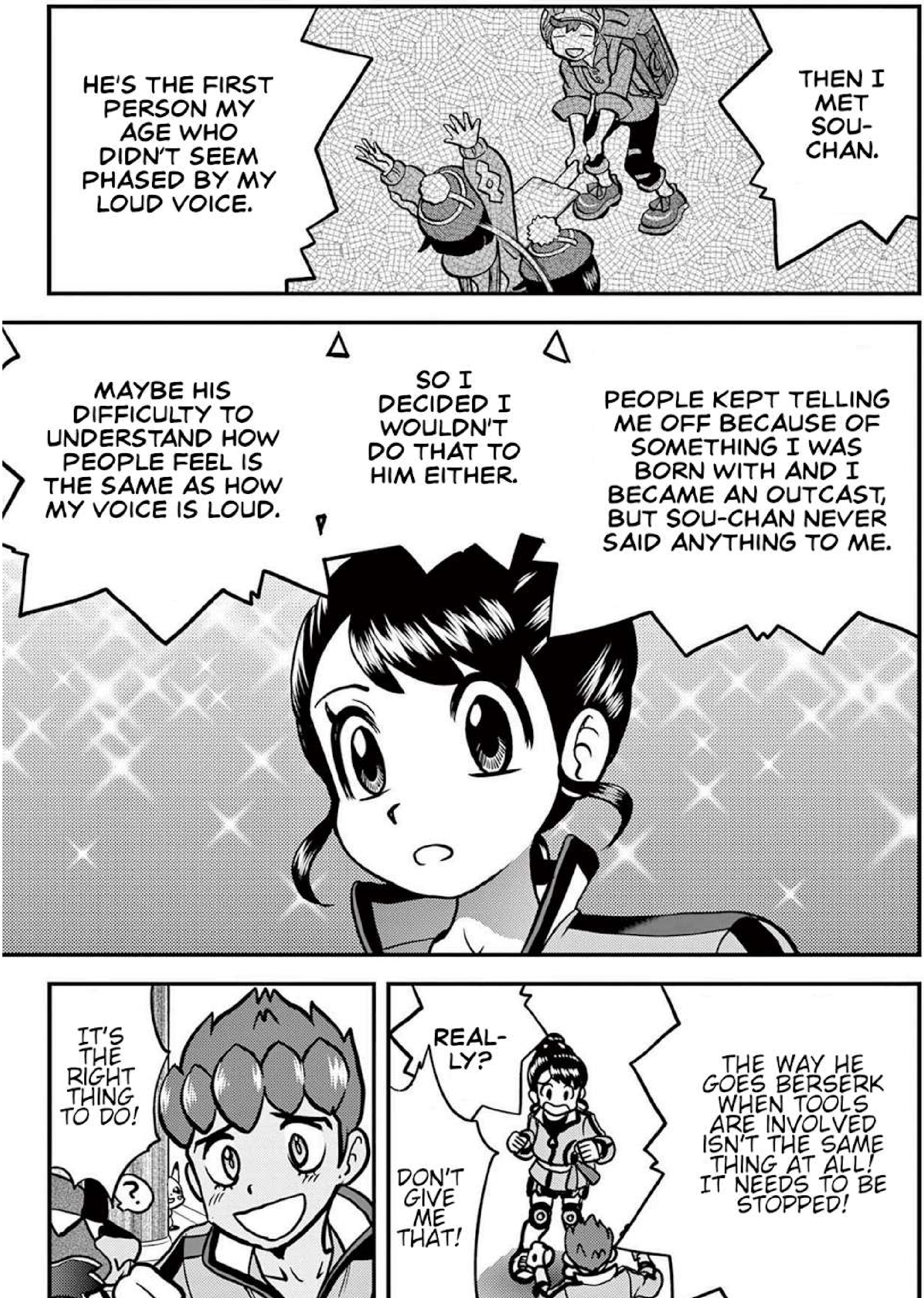
SCHILDEMILLIA, YOU NEVER SEEM TO GET MAD OR TELL TSURUGI OFF EVEN WHEN HE ACTS LIKE THAT.
I GET ASKED THAT A LOT.
STUFF LIKE "WHY DO YOU LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THAT?" OR "WHY DON'T YOU EVER GET UPSET WITH HIM?"
MY VOICE IS USUALLY PRETTY LOUD, RIGHT?
EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, MY PARENTS TOLD ME IT WAS "EMBARRASSING" AND "UNSIGHTLY".
BUT I WAS BORN THAT WAY. I CAN'T HELP IT.
THANKS TO MY VOICE I HAD TROUBLE MAKING FRIENDS AND EVEN WHEN I DID, THEIR FAMILIES WOULD TELL THEM NOT TO PLAY WITH ME.

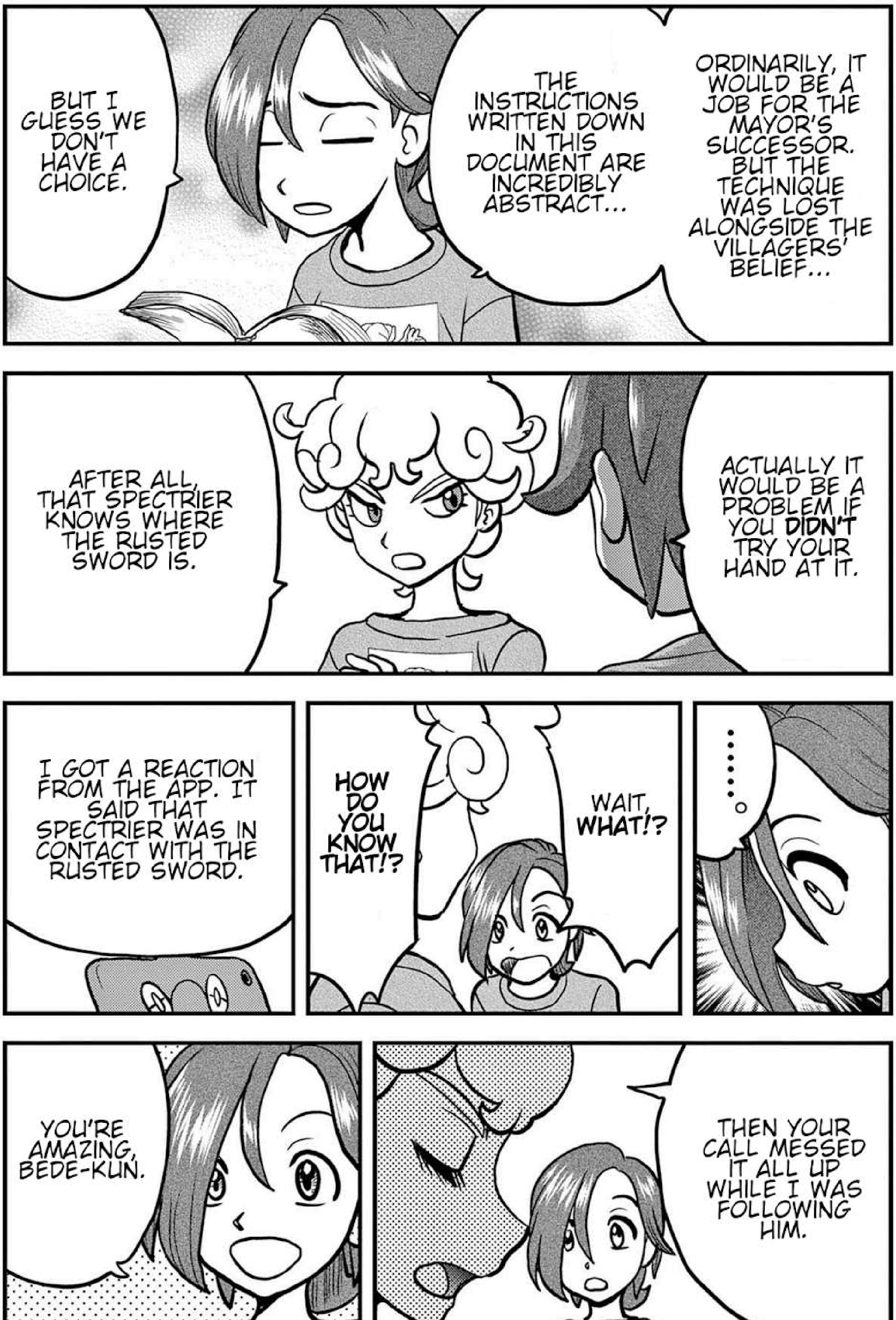

THEN I MET SOU-CHAN.
HE'S THE FIRST PERSON MY AGE WHO DIDN'T SEEM PHASED BY MY LOUD VOICE.
PEOPLE KEPT TELLING ME OFF BECAUSE OF SOMETHING I WAS BORN WITH AND I BECAME AN OUTCAST, BUT SOU-CHAN NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO ME.
SO I DECIDED I WOULDN'T DO THAT TO HIM EITHER.
MAYBE HIS DIFFICULTY TO UNDERSTAND HOW PEOPLE FEEL IS THE SAME AS HOW MY VOICE IS LOUD.
THE WAY HE GOES BERSERK WHEN TOOLS ARE INVOLVED ISN'T THE SAME THING AT ALL! IT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED!
REAL-LY?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!
IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!
?

FREEZINGTON, PEONY'S EXPLORATION TEAM'S HIDEOUT.
IT IS MADE FROM THE FLOWER FROM THE TOP OF MY HEAD AND THE MANE OF MY BELOVED STEED!?
THAT'S HOW THE VILLAGERS DID IT. THEY GATHERED TOGETHER, FILLED WITH DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THE KING, AND MADE THE REINS OF UNITY.
IT USED TO BE A YEARLY TRADITION.
YES, YES, THAT DID HAPPEN.
THOUGH AT SOME POINT THE VILLAGERS STOPPED THEIR TRIBUTE.
AS AGRICULTURE DEVELOPED, PEOPLE COULD GET A GOOD HARVEST ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT RELYING ON A POKEMON.
ACTUALLY, ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT, THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE.

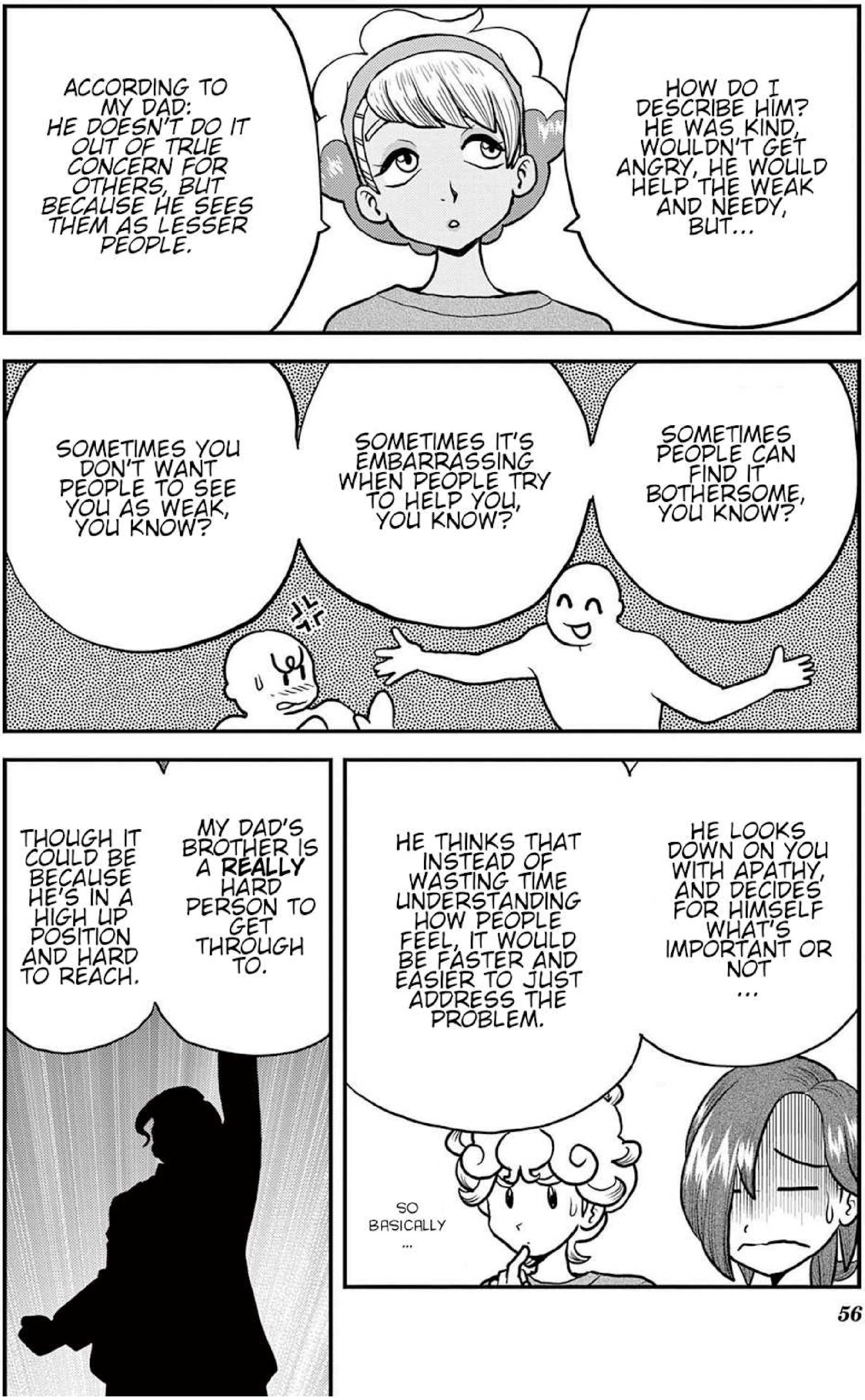
MEANING?
IT SEEMS THAT THE KING'S SHINING FLOWER STOPPED BLOOMING.
NN.
THE VILLAGERS, THINKING THEY INCURRED THE KING'S WRATH, CLEANED THE TEMPLE AND CUT DOWN ON THEIR FOOD, OFFERING THEIR CROPS AS TRIBUTE.
BUT THE SHINING FLOWER NEVER BLOOMED. AND SO THE CUSTOM ENDED AND THE PEOPLE LOST FAITH. OR SO IT SAYS HERE.
UN-BELIEVABLE...
WHAT?
ROWN... PERHAPS IT WOULD BE EASIER TO JUST SHOW YOU.

CROWNUS BLOOMUS!
SFX: TING~
WH- WHAT THE!?
OUCH!
MY EARS ...!
HU FF
HU FF
SFX: FLOP
KING!

GAH?
OH?
I FELL ASLEEP IN THE HOUSE TODAY?
BUT I STILL FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN MOVING HERE AND THERE. I'M TIRED.
I'M HEADING TO BED.
KING?
HE SEEMS TO HAVE USED UP ALL HIS STRENGTH.
MY OLD MAN IS AWAKE AGAIN, SO HE MUST HAVE RUN OUT OF POWER.
HE USED UP SO MUCH POWER, BUT ALL HE COULD MAKE WAS THIS ONE PETAL.
MAKING THE SHINING FLOWER BLOOM MUST BE PRETTY DIFFICULT.
LUCKILY, SPECTRIER DROPPED A TUFT OF ITS BLACK MANE WHEN IT FOUGHT MY RAPIDASH.
NOW WE JUST NEED TO COMBINE THEM ...
CAN YOU DO IT?

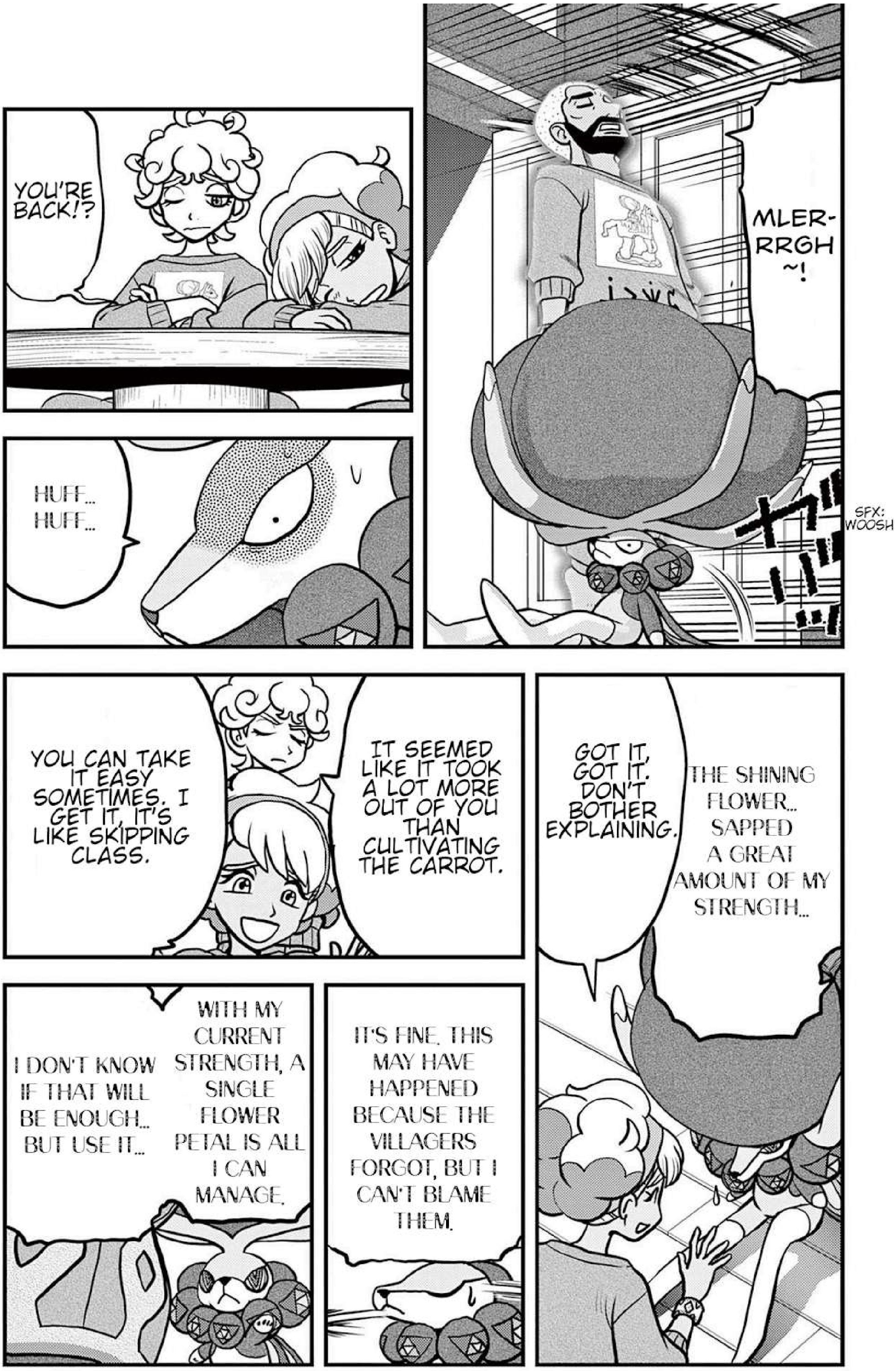

ORDINARILY, IT WOULD BE A JOB FOR THE MAYOR'S SUCCESSOR. BUT THE TECHNIQUE WAS LOST ALONGSIDE THE VILLAGERS' BELIEF...
THE INSTRUCTIONS WRITTEN DOWN IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE INCREDIBLY ABSTRACT...
BUT I GUESS WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
ACTUALLY IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF YOU **DIDN'T** TRY YOUR HAND AT IT.
AFTER ALL, THAT SPECTRIER KNOWS WHERE THE RUSTED SWORD IS.
....
WAIT, **WHAT!?**
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT!?
I GOT A REACTION FROM THE APP. IT SAID THAT SPECTRIER WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE RUSTED SWORD.
THEN YOUR CALL MESSED IT ALL UP WHILE I WAS FOLLOWING HIM.
YOU'RE AMAZING, BEDE-KUN.

YOU'RE **ACTUALLY** IMPRESSED, SOUDO TSURUGI!? FOR REAL!?
WH- WHAT'S WRONG WITH **YOU**!?
HUH!?
I- IS... IS IT REALLY **THAT** SURPRISING?
YOU'RE COMPLETELY CLUELESS!
NOTHING YOU SAY ...
IS EVER GENUINE!
YOU USUALLY JUST NOD ALONG WHEN OTHER PEOPLE TALK. IT SHOWS THAT YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.
THAT'S WHY MY OLD MAN WAS SO ANNOYED.
PEONY-SAN'S BROTHER ...
WHAT WAS THAT PERSON LIKE?
DO THEY LOOK SIMILAR TO EACH OTHER?
THAT WASN'T MY ...
DIDN'T HE SAY ...
YOU HAVE THE SAME SCENT AS SOMEONE I DON'T GET ALONG WITH AT ALL!
... OR SOMETHING? HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIS OLDER BROTHER.

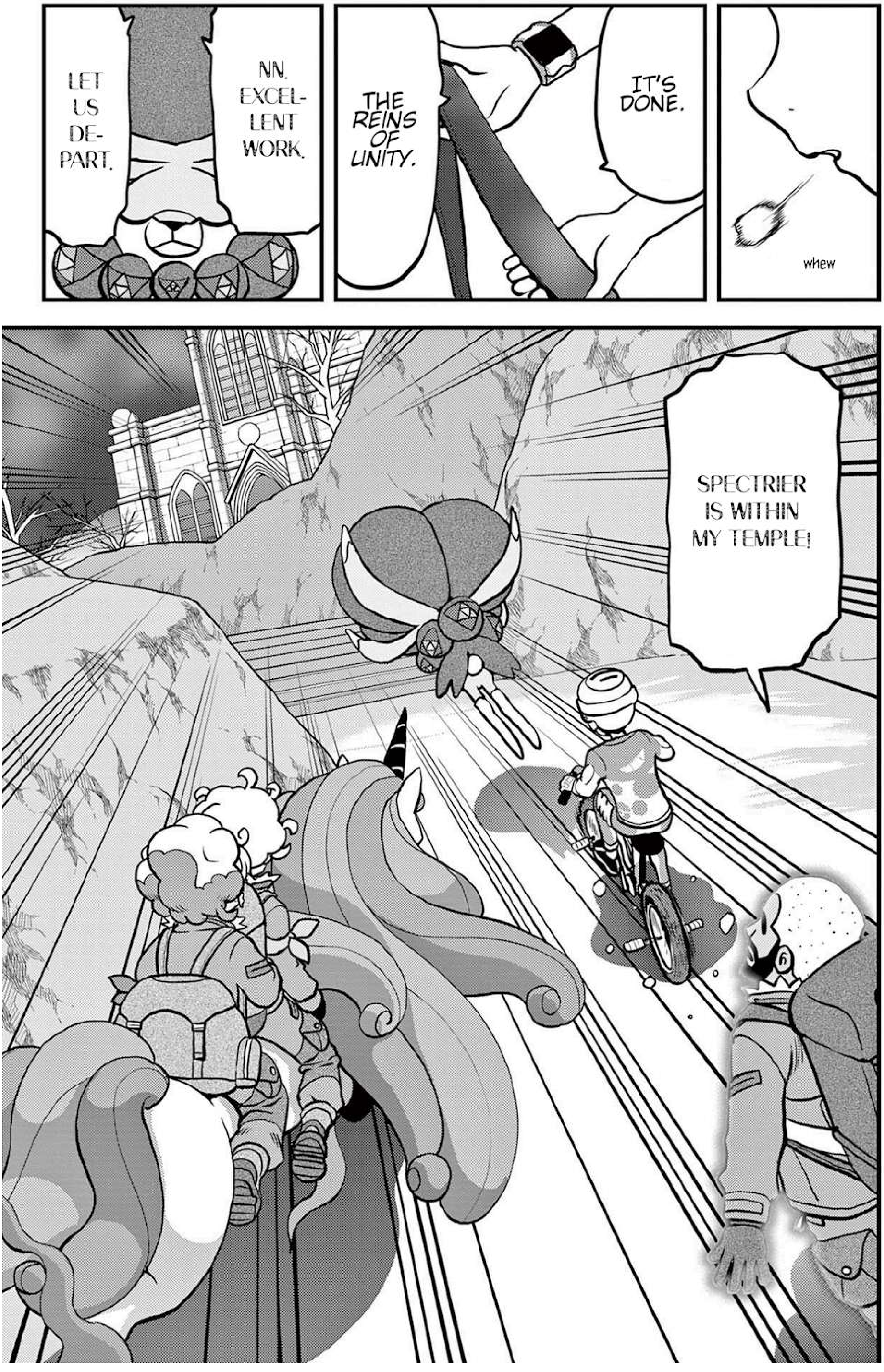

HOW DO I DESCRIBE HIM? HE WAS KIND, WOULDN'T GET ANGRY, HE WOULD HELP THE WEAK AND NEEDY, BUT...
ACCORDING TO MY DAD: HE DOESN'T DO IT OUT OF TRUE CONCERN FOR OTHERS, BUT BECAUSE HE SEES THEM AS LESSER PEOPLE.
SOMETIMES PEOPLE CAN FIND IT BOTHERSOME, YOU KNOW?
SOMETIMES IT'S EMBARRASSING WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO HELP YOU, YOU KNOW?
SOMETIMES YOU DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO SEE YOU AS WEAK, YOU KNOW?
HE LOOKS DOWN ON YOU WITH APATHY, AND DECIDES FOR HIMSELF WHAT'S IMPORTANT OR NOT ...
HE THINKS THAT INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME UNDERSTANDING HOW PEOPLE FEEL, IT WOULD BE FASTER AND EASIER TO JUST ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.
SO BASICALLY ...
MY DAD'S BROTHER IS A **REALLY** HARD PERSON TO GET THROUGH TO.
THOUGH IT COULD BE BECAUSE HE'S IN A HIGH UP POSITION AND HARD TO REACH.

HE ALWAYS HAD A RIDICULOUS AMOUNT OF SELF-ESTEEM. HIS INSANE CONFIDENCE COULD HAVE BEEN WHY NOBODY TOLD HIM OFF WHEN HE DID ANYTHING WRONG.
... BROTHERS WHO LOOK LIKE EACH OTHER.
AND EVEN IF YOU **DID** TELL HIM OFF, WOULD HE EVEN LISTEN?
IT'S THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO END UP DOING SOMETHING THEY AREN'T SUPPOSED TO, AND NOBODY CAN STOP THEM.
SO THAT'S WHY MY DAD STOPPED TALKING TO HIM.
THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS TOO FAR GONE, AND TO BE HONEST HE'S HARD TO PUT UP WITH.
UH? WHAT'S WRONG?
SO EVEN **HE** CAN FEEL BAD ABOUT SOMETHING.
BEDE-KUN... YOU SEEM PRETTY HAPPY.
HOW ABSURD... MORE IMPORTANTLY, NOW'S THE TIME TO SHOW YOUR SKILLS AS A TOOL MEISTER.
MARNIE-SAN CONTACTED US.
IT'S A PICTURE OF THE HAMMERLOCKE SKYLINE FROM STOW-ON-SIDE.

THE DARKEST DAY HAS STARTED AGAIN.
MACRO COSMOS COMPANY
COULD ETERNATUS HAVE RECOVERED FROM ITS INJURIES?
THAT CAN'T BE.
THE GALAR PARTICLES BEGAN TO RISE RIGHT AFTER TSURUGI-KUN OBTAINED THE RUSTED SHIELD AND REMOVED THE POISON.
"IF ZAMAZENTA GETS THE *RUSTED SHIELD*, I'M IN TROUBLE."
PERHAPS IT BEGAN TO MOVE ONCE IT CAME TO THAT CONCLUSION.
ANY MOVEMENT FROM THE SLUMBERING WEALD?
NOTHING AT THE MOMENT.
THAT TAKES PRIORITY OVER ETERNATUS.
WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T GET BETWEEN ZACIAN AND ZAMAZENTA AND THE *RUSTED SWORD* AND *SHIELD*.


MLER-RRGH~!
SFX: WOOSH
YOU'RE BACK!?
HUFF... HUFF...
THE SHINING FLOWER... SAPPED A GREAT AMOUNT OF MY STRENGTH...
GOT IT, GOT IT. DON'T BOTHER EXPLAINING.
IT SEEMED LIKE IT TOOK A LOT MORE OUT OF YOU THAN CULTIVATING THE CARROT.
YOU CAN TAKE IT EASY SOMETIMES. I GET IT, IT'S LIKE SKIPPING CLASS.
IT'S FINE. THIS MAY HAVE HAPPENED BECAUSE THE VILLAGERS FORGOT, BUT I CAN'T BLAME THEM.
WITH MY CURRENT STRENGTH, A SINGLE FLOWER PETAL IS ALL I CAN MANAGE.
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WILL BE ENOUGH... BUT USE IT...

OOH!?
THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE **SUPER** VAGUE, SO...
HE HAS TO USE HIS OWN SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE AS A TOOL MEISTER TO COMPENSATE.
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT WHEN HE PURIFIED THE RUSTED SHIELD AS WELL ...
ABOUT WHAT A STRANGE CHILD HE IS.
HE HAS NONE OF THE GRATITUDE, AWE OR REVERENCE FOR ME THAT THE VILLAGERS ONCE HAD.
HOWEVER, HE IS ABLE TO INVOKE THE SAME POWER WITH PURE CONCENTRATION AS HE TRIED TO MAKE THE *REINS OF UNITY* WITH HIS EXISTING MATERIALS.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IT'S DONE.
THE REINS OF UNITY.
NN. EXCEL-LENT WORK.
LET US DE-PART.
SPECTRIER IS WITHIN MY TEMPLE!

RUMBLE!! RETURN OF THE DARKEST DAY!
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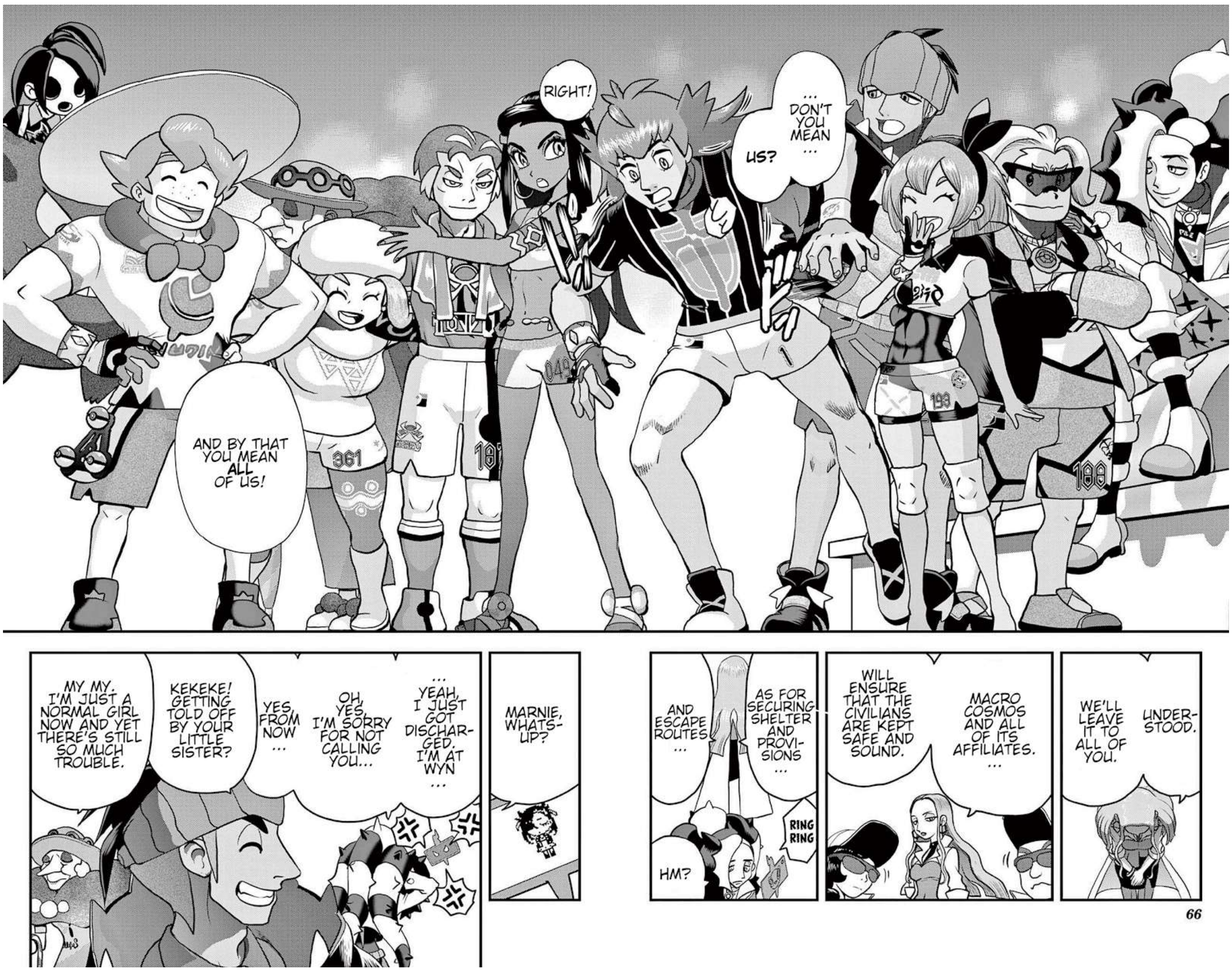
PROFESSOR CARA! SORRY, BUT I NEED TO LEAVE!
I NEED TO PUT AN END TO THE DARKEST DAY. I'LL HELP YOU EXCAVATE FOSSILS LATER AS REPAYMENT.
ACTUALLY, I DON'T NEED YOU TO REPAY ME ANYMORE.
NOW THAT YOU HAVE HELPED ME OUT, YOU WILL EMBRACE A NEW DREAM, IN PLACE OF CHALLENGING THE LEAGUE. ONE OF BECOMING A RESEARCHER THAT WANTS TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERIES OF FOSSILS.
I'M CERTAIN OF IT. YOU WILL DEFINITELY RETURN, BY YOUR OWN VOLITION.
......
NO WAY.

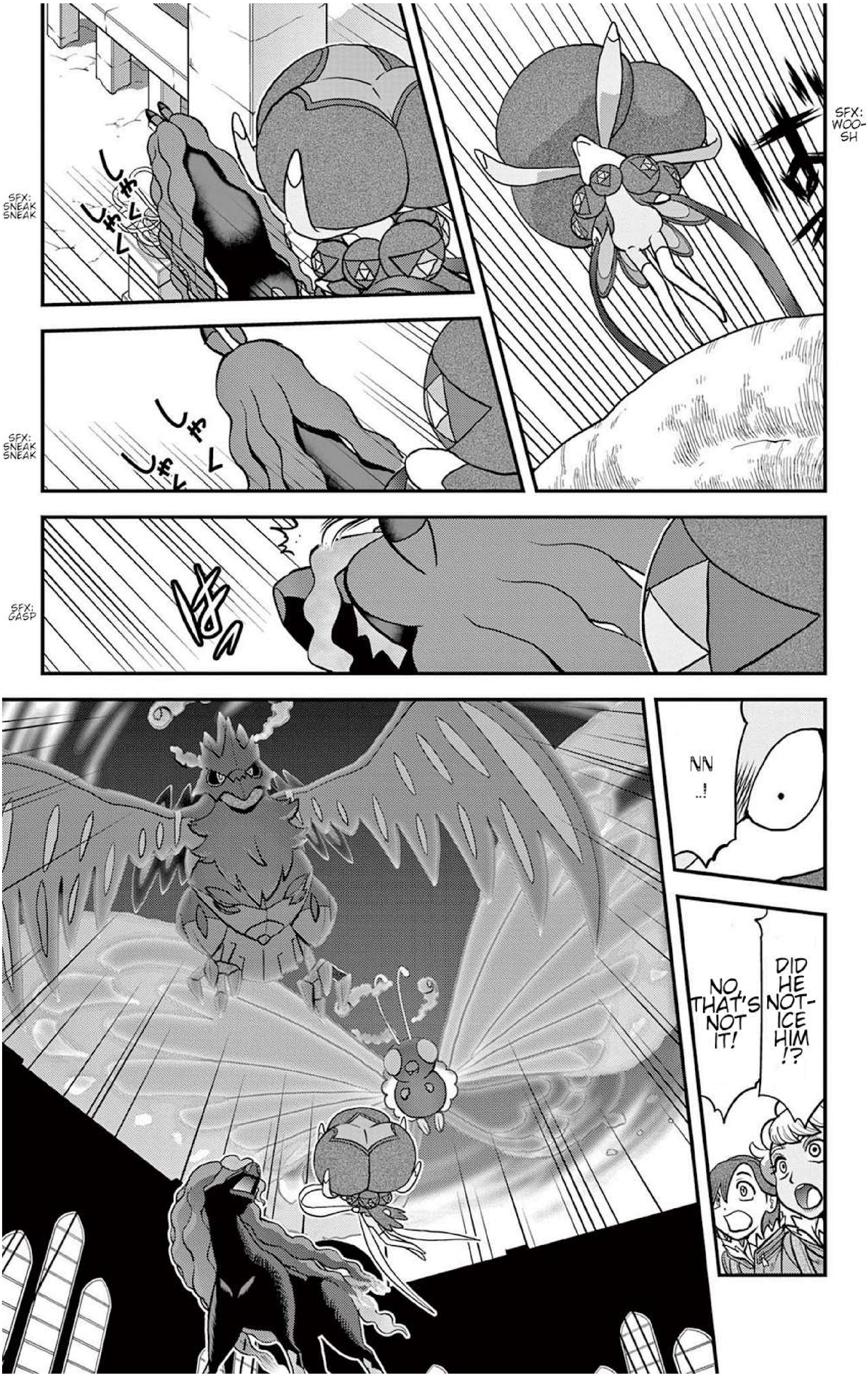
THEN OF COURSE I STILL NEED YOU TO REPAY ...
YOU SAID "I DON'T NEED YOU TO REPAY ME ANYMORE", RIGHT? SEE YA!
....
ACHOO
MACRO COSMOS COMPANY
WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED REPORTS FROM ALL OVER THE PLACE ABOUT THE DARKEST DAY AND THE RESULTING DYNAMAX PHENOMENON ...
BUT THE INFLUENCE HAS SPREAD TO PLACES WHICH WEREN'T AFFECTED LAST TIME.
WE HAVE ALSO OBSERVED IT IN THE SEA ADJACENT TO THE ISLE OF ARMOR AND THE MOUNTAIN RANGE OF THE CROWN TUNDRA.
COULD IT BE IN RESPONSE TO THE RUSTED SWORD AND SHIELD?
AT ANY RATE, WE MUST RESPOND ACCORDINGLY TO ITS EXTENDED SCOPE.
YOU CAN LEAVE THAT TO ME!


... DON'T YOU MEAN ...
US?
RIGHT!
AND BY THAT YOU MEAN ALL OF US!
UNDER-STOOD.
WE'LL LEAVE IT TO ALL OF YOU.
MACRO COSMOS AND ALL OF ITS AFFILIATES ...
WILL ENSURE THAT THE CIVILIANS ARE KEPT SAFE AND SOUND.
AS FOR SECURING SHELTER AND PROVI-SIONS ...
AND ESCAPE ROUTES ...
RING RING
HM?
MARNIE, WHATS-UP?
... YEAH, I JUST GOT DISCHAR-GED. I'M AT WYN ...
OH, YES, I'M SORRY FOR NOT CALLING YOU...
YES, FROM NOW ...
KEKEKE! GETTING TOLD OFF BY YOUR LITTLE SISTER?
MY MY. I'M JUST A NORMAL GIRL NOW AND YET THERE'S STILL SO MUCH TROUBLE.

CROWN SHRINE
THIS IS THE CROWN SHRINE. I ONCE RESIDED HERE.
AFTER I LOST MY POWER AND SPECTRIER LOST RESPECT FOR ME...
HE MADE THIS PLACE HIS STRONG-HOLD.
TH- THAT'S ALL FINE AND DANDY, BUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO HIDE?
IT'S SO COLD RIGHT NOW!
I REALIZED IT UPON REGAINING MY POWER.
IT WON'T APPROACH THOSE WHO POSE A THREAT...
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO HIDE AND WAIT FOR HIM TO RETURN.

SFX:
TREMBLE TREMBLE

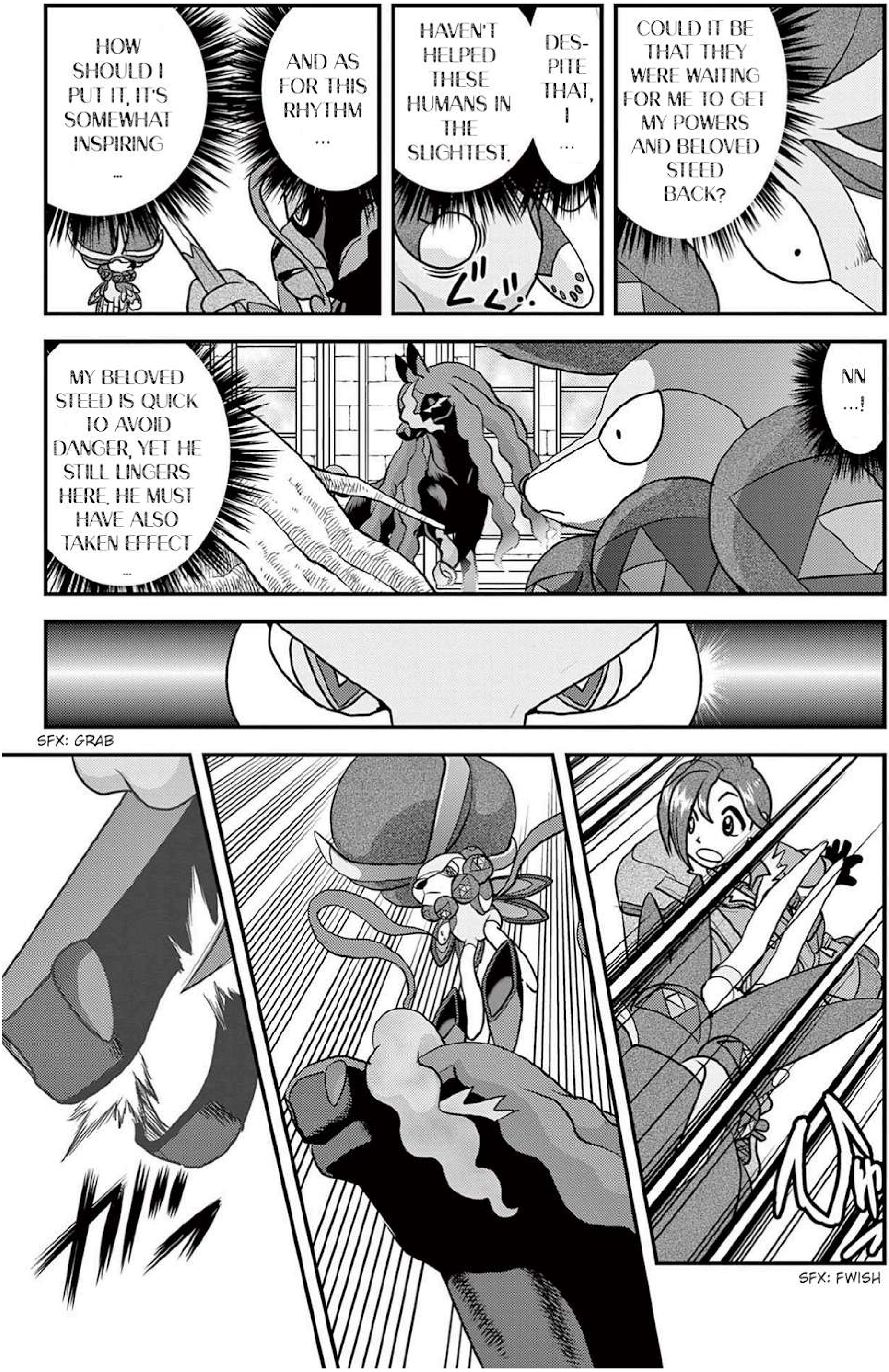
IT'S HERE!
SSH!
HUH? WHAT THE HECK!? YOU'RE FREAKING ME OUT!
WHAT A PAIN!!
EVER SINCE YOU SHOWED UP, EVERY-THING I'VE DONE HAS GONE WRONG!!
TSURUGI SOUDO!
SFX: WOOSH
HE ATE IT!
SFX: CHEW CHEW


SFX: WOO-SH
SFX: SNEAK SNEAK
SFX: SNEAK SNEAK
SFX: GASP
NN ..!
DID HE NOT-ICE HIM!?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!

THE DARKEST DAY!
BUT LAST TIME IT DIDN'T REACH THE ISLE OF ARMOR AND CROWN TUNDRA!
G-MAX WIND RAGE
〝キョダイフウゲキ〟
WAIT, IS IT AIMING FOR THE RUSTED SWORD!?
HUH? WHAT!?
I GOT A SIGNAL THAT THE RUSTED SWORD IS IN THE BARN.
REGARDLESS, WE HAVE TO DRIVE THOSE TWO AWAY!

SFX: BOOM
SFX: CLACK CLACK CLACK
SFX: DRUMMING
SFX: WOOSH WOOSH WOOSH
WELL, WELL, WELL!
THIS LOOKS PRETTY INTERE-STING!
OLD MAN!

TL Note:
Tsurutsuru= Smooth Hair,
Kurukuru= Curly Hair


COULD IT BE THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR ME TO GET MY POWERS AND BELOVED STEED BACK?
DES-PITE THAT, I ...
HAVEN'T HELPED THESE HUMANS IN THE SLIGHTEST.
AND AS FOR THIS RHYTHM ...
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT, IT'S SOMEWHAT INSPIRING ...
NN ...!
MY BELOVED STEED IS QUICK TO AVOID DANGER, YET HE STILL LINGERS HERE, HE MUST HAVE ALSO TAKEN EFFECT ...
SFX: GRAB
SFX: FWISH

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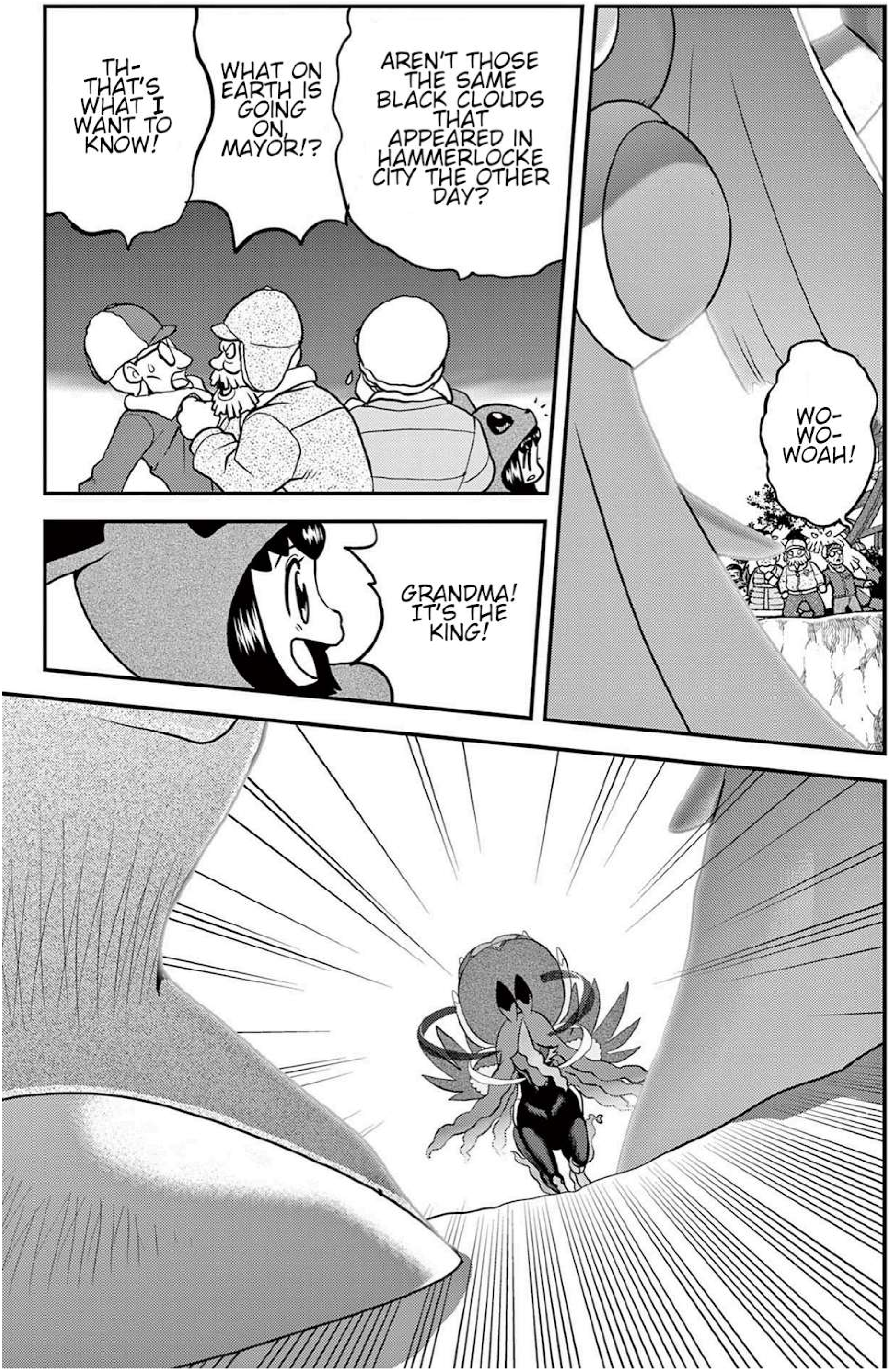
YOU DID IT KING!
SFX: MENACING
WAH~
AIEE~
KYA~
SFX: DASH
HUU~H! HE RAN AWAY!
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT THIS SEEMS LIKE A JOB FOR THE EXPLORATION TEAM.

SFX: DA-SH

SFX: CLIP CLOP


TH-THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON, MAYOR!?
AREN'T THOSE THE SAME BLACK CLOUDS THAT APPEARED IN HAMMERLOCKE CITY THE OTHER DAY?
WO-WO-WOAH!
GRANDMA! IT'S THE KING!

NN.
BUT ... MY FIELD .....
AAH! THE KING HAS PROTECTED US ONCE AGAIN!
COOL! THE KING AND THE KING'S HORSE ARE SO COOL!

SFX: LIFT
CROW-NOW
ROW-NWO
WOAH! IT'S EXACTLY LIKE HOW IT USED TO BE!
SO EVERYTHING FROM THE FAIRY TALE WAS TRUE!?
MY GRATITUDE, MY SINCERE GRATITUDE.
SPECTRIER, RETRIEVE THE SWORD OF THE HERO FROM THE BARN AT ONCE.
GUIDE ME TO WHERE YOU HID IT.
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SFX: TURN

SFX: CLATTER CLATTER BOOM

SFX: I- I SEE ...

SFX: THUD THUD
THAT'S NOT VERY FAIR, IS IT? TRYING TO MAKE A COOL ENTRANCE AFTER WE ALREADY BEAT THEM...
ずる...
SFX: FALL
HEY, KING!
WHAT HAPPENED? HOW ABOUT YOU USE MY OLD MAN TO EXPLAIN?
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SFX: HM?
YOU CAN'T DO IT!? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE HIS BELOVED STEED!?
PEONIA-SAN, THIS MUST BE THE CAUSE!

IT'S BECAUSE HE PICKED UP THE *RUSTED SWORD!*
EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW IT HAD POISON ON IT.... HE STILL HELD IT SO TIGHTLY...
UNLIKE LAST TIME, IT'S A POKEMON WHO WAS POISONED AND NOT A HUMAN. IT SHOULD BE FINE WITH AN *ANTIDOTE* OR OTHER HEALING ITEMS.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF TREATING THE KING. YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT REMOVING THE POISON.
YEAH...
YOU'RE RIGHT ...!

COAST OF ISLE OF ARMOR. HONEYCALM ISLAND.
IS THIS IT? THE MAX HONEY THAT MASTER WAS TALKING ABOUT?
YEAH! IT SEEMS MORE THAN STICKY ENOUGH! URSHIFU IS DROOLING LIKE CRAZY TOO!
IF WE ADD THIS INTO THE *MAX SOUP* AND YOU EAT IT, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO G-MAX.
RING RING
IT'S FROM SOU-CHAN!
SHI-CHAN, WE'VE GOT THE *RUSTED SWORD* AND *SHIELD*! I ALREADY REMOVED THE POISON!
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE TRAIN TO WEDGEHURST, SO LET'S MEET UP AT THE ALTAR WITHIN THE SLUMBERING WEALD!

WE'RE GONNA GIVE THEM TO ZACIAN AND ZAMAZENTA, RIGHT?!
UNDER-STOOD!
SCHIL-DEMILLIA, IS IT OK IF I COME TOO?
I WANT TO COME AS WELL.
OF COURSE!
LET'S GO SAY GOODBYE AT THE DOJO!
YEAH! LIONON!
WHAT AN ANNOYING TIME FOR A SHARPEDO TO CHASE US.
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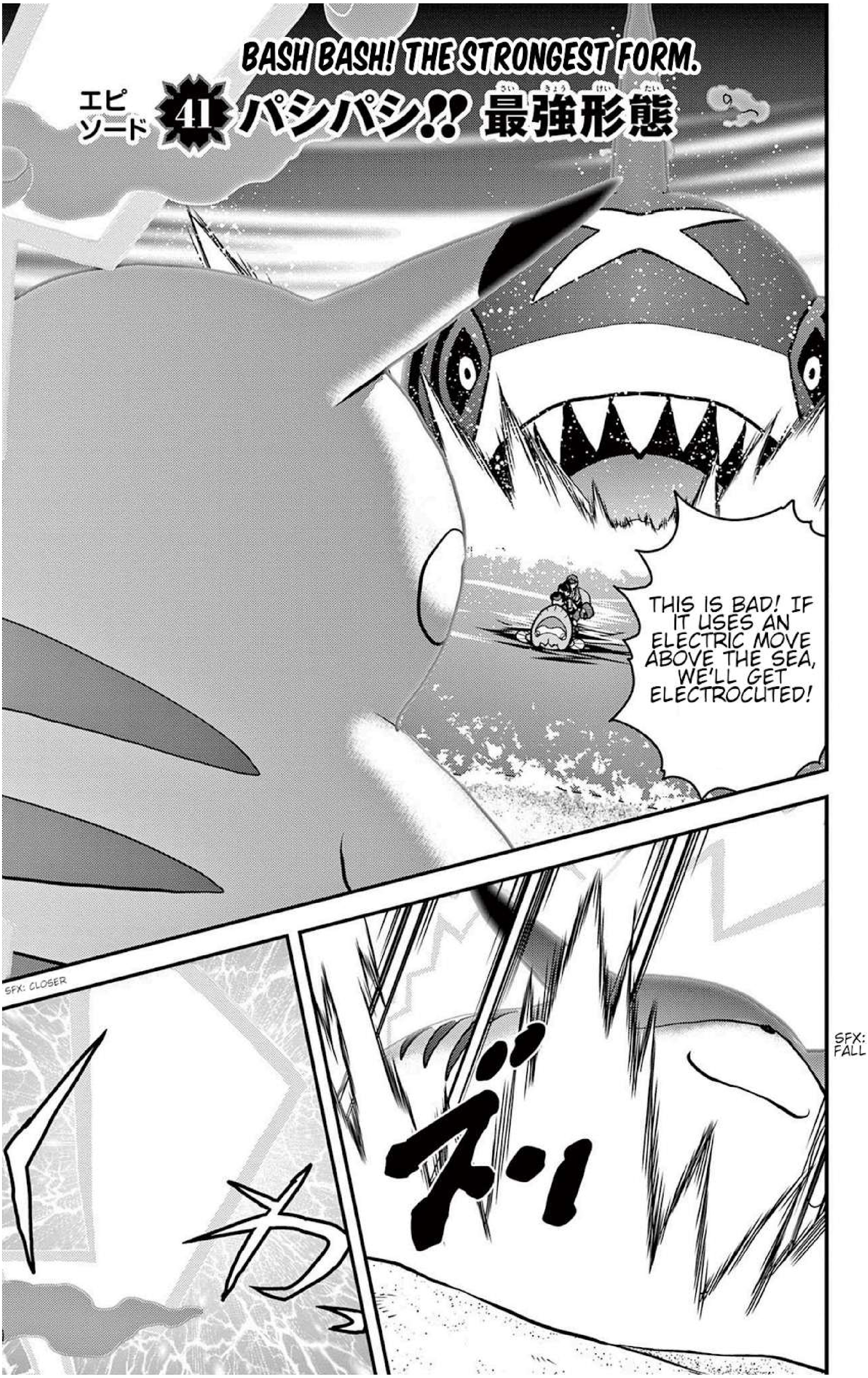
A DYNAMAXED SHARPEDO !?
UONON, HURRY! JUST A LITTLE LONGER TO THE SHORE...!
THE INFLUENCE OF THE DARKEST DAY HAS EVEN REACHED THE ISLE OF ARMOR?
A G-MAX PIKACHU AS WELL!


BASH BASH! THE STRONGEST FORM.
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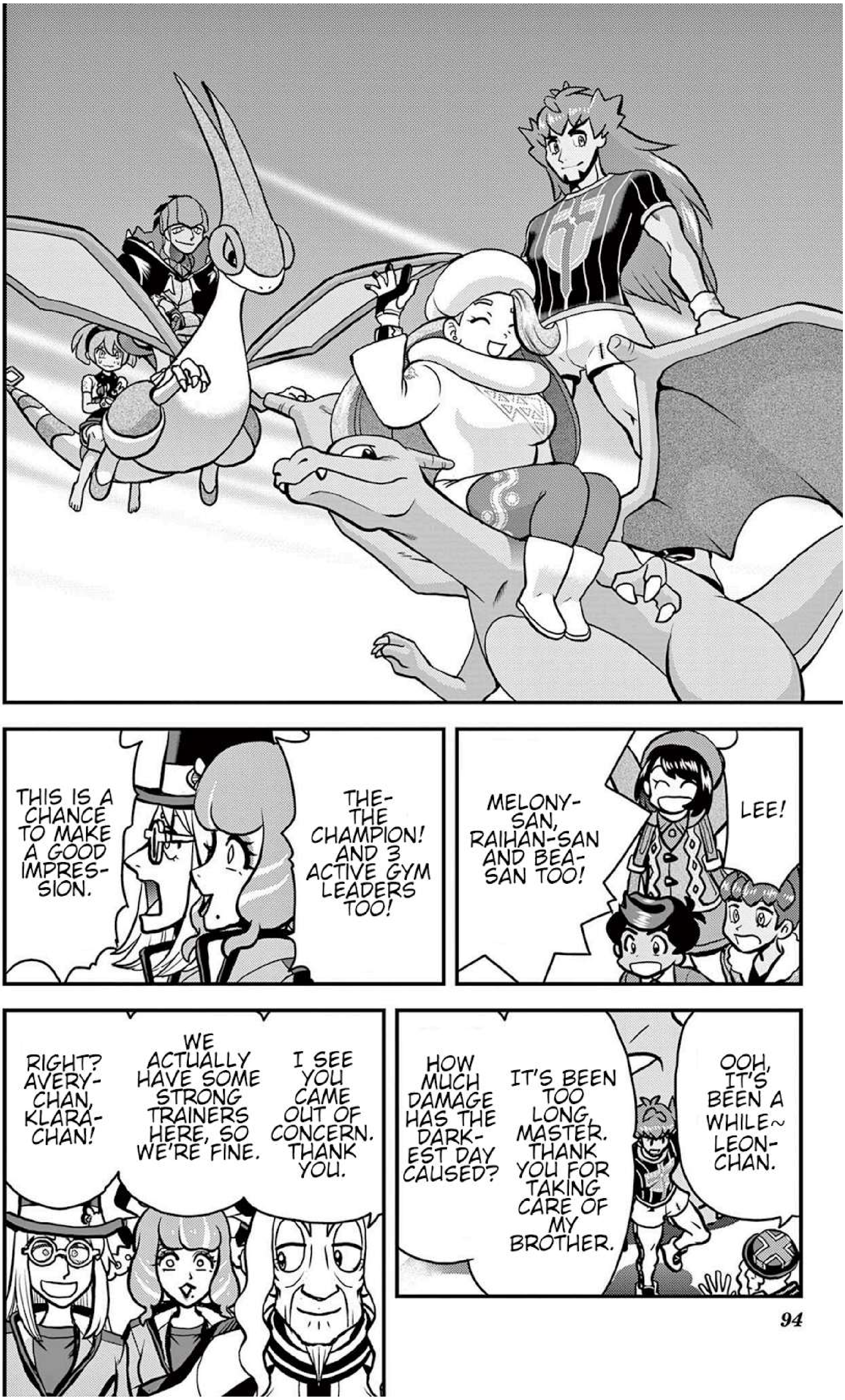
THIS IS BAD! IF IT USES AN ELECTRIC MOVE ABOVE THE SEA, WE'LL GET ELECTROCUTED!
SFX: CLOSER
SFX: FALL

SFX: WH-OOM
"キョダイバンライ"
G-MAX VOLT CRASH
HUH?
HUH?
SFX: BUB-BLE
WERE YOU TRYING TO SAVE US?

HMM?
NO, IT COULDN'T BE ...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS!?
REMEMBER THAT PIKACHU WE SAVED FROM CRAMORANT BACK WHEN YOU REUNITED WITH KILO? THE WAY IT'S SMIRKING LOOKS SIMILAR...
REALLY? THAT WAS ALL THE WAY AT THE MOTOSTOKE OUTSKIRTS!
YOU **REALLY** THINK HE CAME ALL THE WAY TO A REMOTE ISLAND AT SEA JUST TO THANK US?
AND WAS IT **REALLY** GRINNING LIKE THAT?
W-WELL, IT...!
HE'S STILL LOOKING AT US.
THANKS FOR SAVING US~!!
CROWN TUNDRA STATION
LATER! BEDE! TSURUGI SOUDO!

OH HUMAN CHIL-DREN.
I AM IN YOUR DEBT, AND THOUGH I HATE TO SEE YOU GO LIKE THIS, I AM THE KING OF THIS TUNDRA.
I MUST PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND POKEMON LIVING HERE FROM ANY THREATS.
OH, JUST IN TIME!
MAY-OR.
HERE ARE THE FREEZINGTON SOUVENIRS I GAVE YOU. YOU FORGOT THEM AT THE GUEST HOUSE, SO I BROUGHT THEM WITH ME. PLEASE TAKE THEM.
I LEFT THEM THERE ON PUR-POSE.
I DON'T NEED THEM.
NO, I INSIST...
I HAVE NO NEED FOR THEM, I'M GOOD.
KYAHAHAHA! SOUDO TSURUGI, YOU'RE WAY TOO BLUNT!
AT TIMES LIKE THIS, I APPRECIATE HOW NATURALLY CRUDE HE IS.
LAA~ TEE~ R!
HAH!
SFX: CHUGGA CHUGGA

GUESS I FELL ASLEEP OUTSIDE AGAIN. NIA-CHAN, WHERE DID TSURUTSURU AND KURUKURU GO?
THEY ALREADY LEFT. SOMETHING WRONG?
I WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING TO THEM BEFORE SAYING GOODBYE.
YOU DID? WHAT HAPPENED?
M-MY APOLOGIES.
AFTER ALL...
THEY'RE CLEANING UP MY FAMILY'S MESS...
IN MY PLACE...
ARMOR STATION
WHAAAAAAT! THE CORVIKNIGHT TAXI IS SUSPENDED?
THERE ARE DYNAMAXED POKEMON EVERYWHERE, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT KIND OF ACCIDENTS COULD HAPPPEN.
WHAT DO WE DO?
UONON IS A POOR SWIMMER, SO CROSSING THE SEA IS...
MY CORVIKNIGHT CAN'T CARRY 3 PEOPLE...
THEN HOW ABOUT TAKING A DRAGON TAXI?


LEE!
MELONY-SAN, RAIHAN-SAN AND BEA-SAN TOO!
THE-THE CHAMPION! AND 3 ACTIVE GYM LEADERS TOO!
THIS IS A CHANCE TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION.
OOH, IT'S BEEN A WHILE~ LEON-CHAN.
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG, MASTER. THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MY BROTHER.
HOW MUCH DAMAGE HAS THE DARK-EST DAY CAUSED?
I SEE YOU CAME OUT OF CONCERN. THANK YOU.
WE ACTUALLY HAVE SOME STRONG TRAINERS HERE, SO WE'RE FINE.
RIGHT? AVERY-CHAN, KLARA-CHAN!

YOU MUST BE KLARA! EVERYONE IS DOING WELL THANKS TO YOU!
THA-NK YOU!
HUH? AHAHAA. A GYM LEADER THANKED AND ACKNOWLEDGED ME. BECOMING A GYM LEADER IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME NOW.
AVERY TOO! YOUR PSYCHIC ABILITIES WERE WHAT HELPED TO FIND THE INGREDIENTS!
YOU ALSO HAVE MY GRAT-ITUDE!
I- I MAY STILL BE A NOVICE, BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO HELP...!
HAHAHA. BEA-CHAN, CHILL OUT.
THE 2 OF US WILL STAY HERE JUST IN CASE, SO I'LL LEAVE THE KIDS TO YOU GUYS.
LEAVE IT TO ME, MUMMY MELONY.
OO~H! HAVING THE GALAR TOP 2 GUARDING US IS THE **BEST**!

LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE DYNAMAXED POKEMON AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE!
AS LONG AS WE DON'T DISTURB THEM, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH UNNOTICED. SAME AS WITH REGULAR WILD POKEMON.
WHAT COULD ETERNATUS' OBJECTIVE BE?
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, IT CAME TO GALAR ON A METEORITE.
IT MIGHT BE A POKEMON THAT THREATENS GALAR, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT HAS ANY MALICIOUS INTENT AGAINST GALAR.
PERHAPS WHAT WAS AS NATURAL AS BREATHING OR EATING IN ETERNATUS'S PREVIOUS HABITAT, IS INSTEAD HARMFUL TO BOTH THE PEOPLE AND POKÉMON OF THE GALAR REGION.
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT IT ENDED UP IN GALAR WITHOUT ACTUALLY INTENDING TO DO SO?
FROM ETERNATUS' PERSPECTIVE, HUMANS, ZACIAN AND ZAMAZENTA ARE THE THREAT.
THE FACT IS, ETERNATUS WAS ALREADY SEALED AWAY ONCE.
IT MAKES SENSE FOR IT TO PANIC AND ATTACK IN RETALIATION.

MAYBE, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN JUST GO "POOR THING. YOU CAN JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT NOW."
IT'S AFFECTING ALL OF GALAR. AND IT'S NOT JUST THE HUMANS, IT'S ALSO THREATENING THE LIVES OF POKEMON.
THAT'S WHY ZACIAN, ZAMAZENTA, POKEMON AND PEOPLE ALL DECIDED TO WORK TOGETHER.
BOTH IN THE PAST AND IN THE PRESENT.
SO THE REASON THEY APPEARED IN FRONT OF SHICHAN-SAN AND THE OTHERS ...
THEY MUST HAVE NOTICED THAT THE DARKEST DAY WAS COMING AND DECIDED TO TEST IF THEY WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT WITH THEM.
AND OF COURSE THERE'S NO WAY THEY'D WORK WITH SORDWARD & SHIELBERT. THEY DON'T FIT THE BILL AT **ALL**.
SFX: SLIDE

GIGAN-TAMAX MEOWTH!
HE SNUCK UP ON US WHILE WE WERE BUSY TALKING!
WHOA!
"キョダイコバン"!!
G-MAX GOLD RUSH

SCHIL-DEMILIA!
SHI-CHAN-SAN!
TCH!
WHAT?
THAT'S...!

ZAMA-ZENTA?
MARVIN! LET'S FOLLOW THEM!
LEE! RAIHAN-SAN!
WE'RE GONNA GO AHEAD TO HAMMER-LOCKE!
SFX: ROAR
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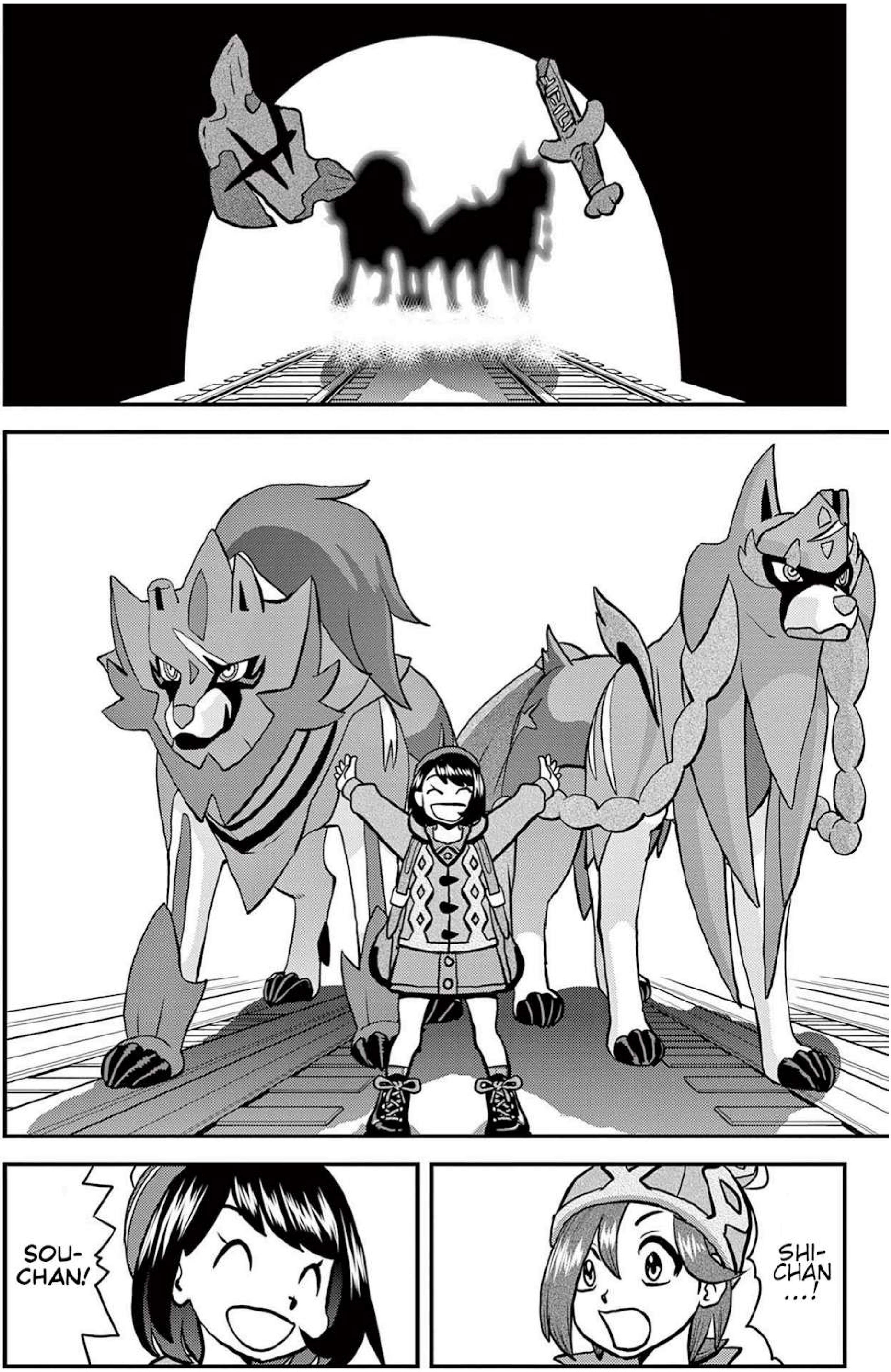
SFX: SCREECH
SFX: CLATTERING
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
SFX: PULL
SFX: FLUTTER
THE SWORD AND SHIELD ...!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CHAN
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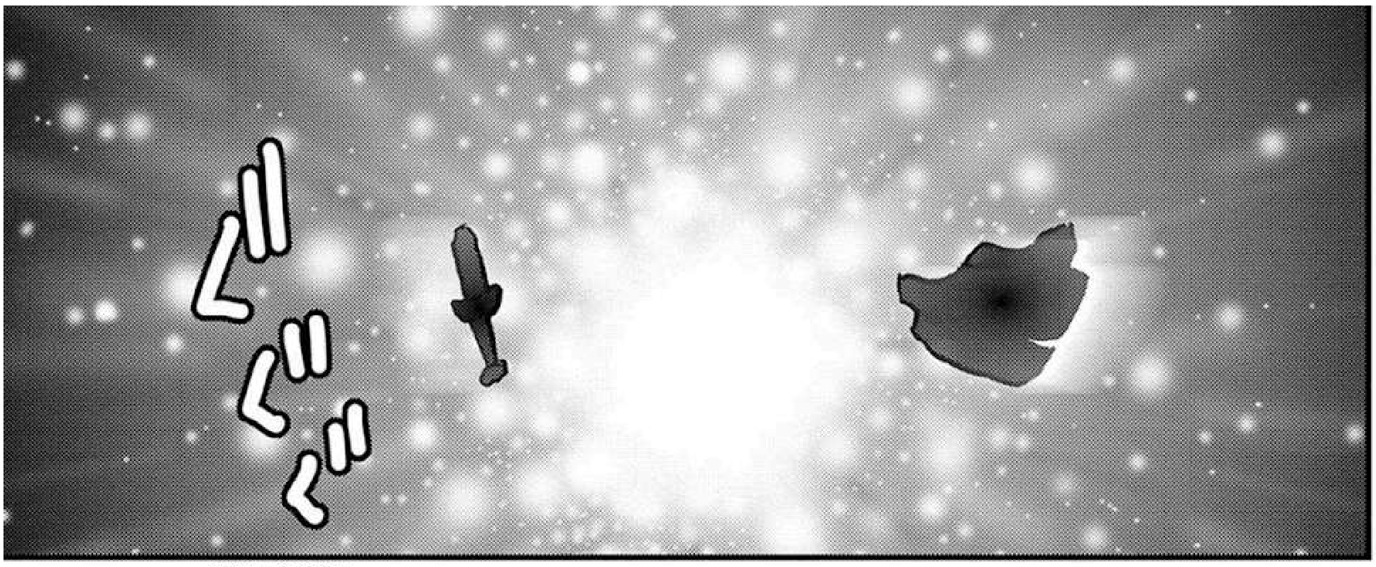
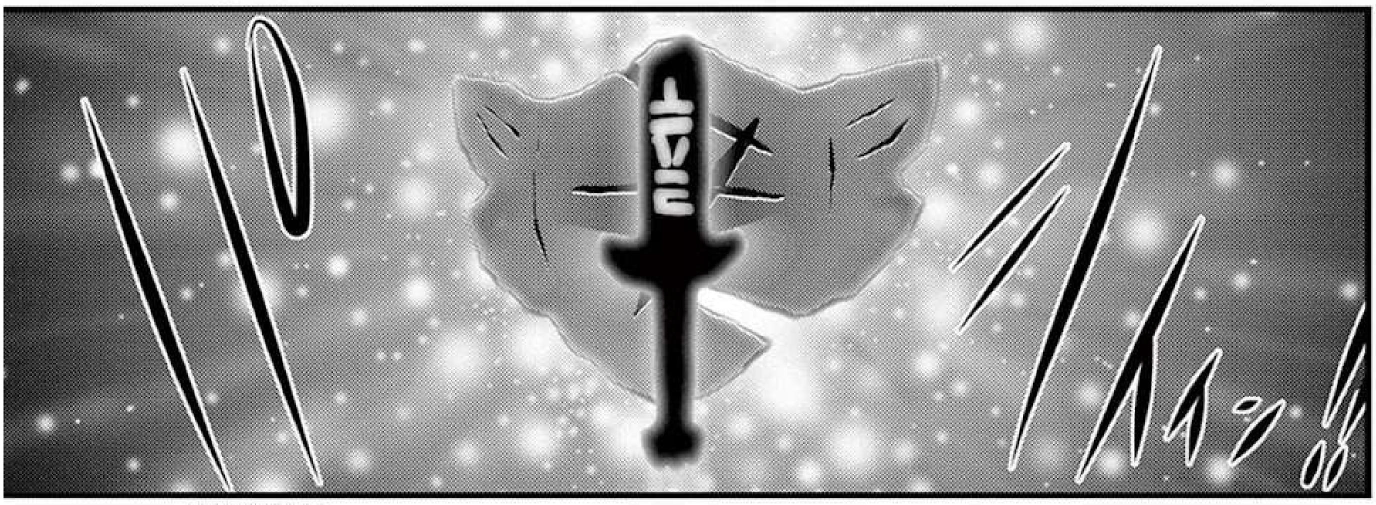
CHAN!

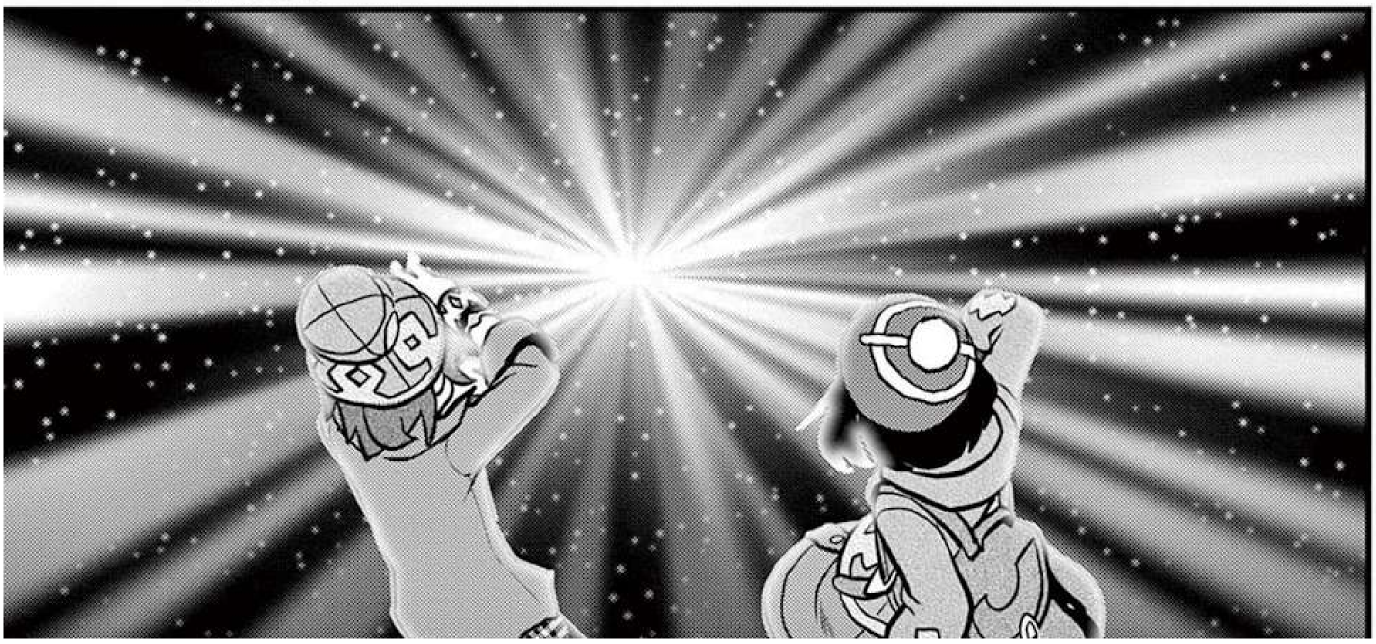


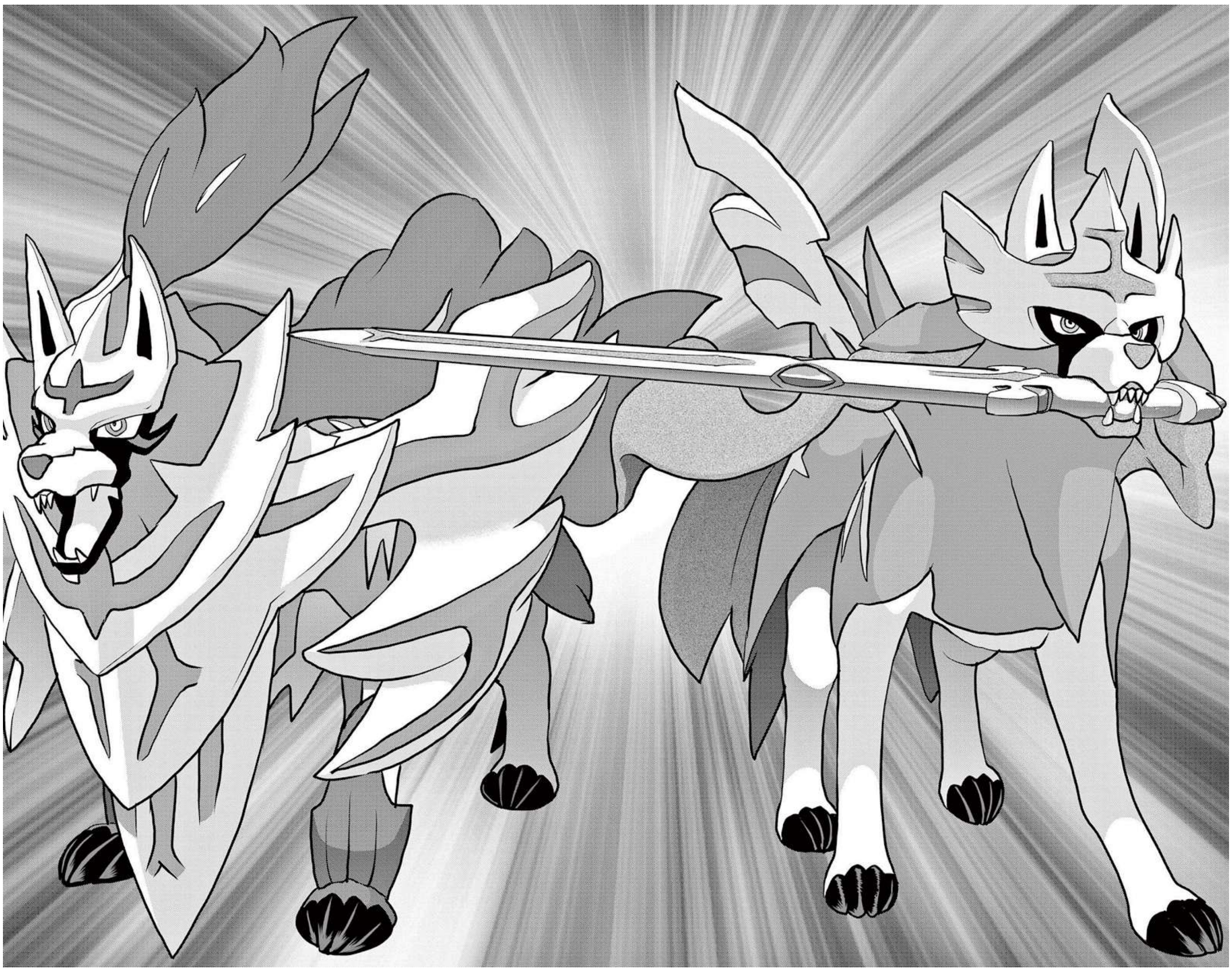
SFX: TENSION

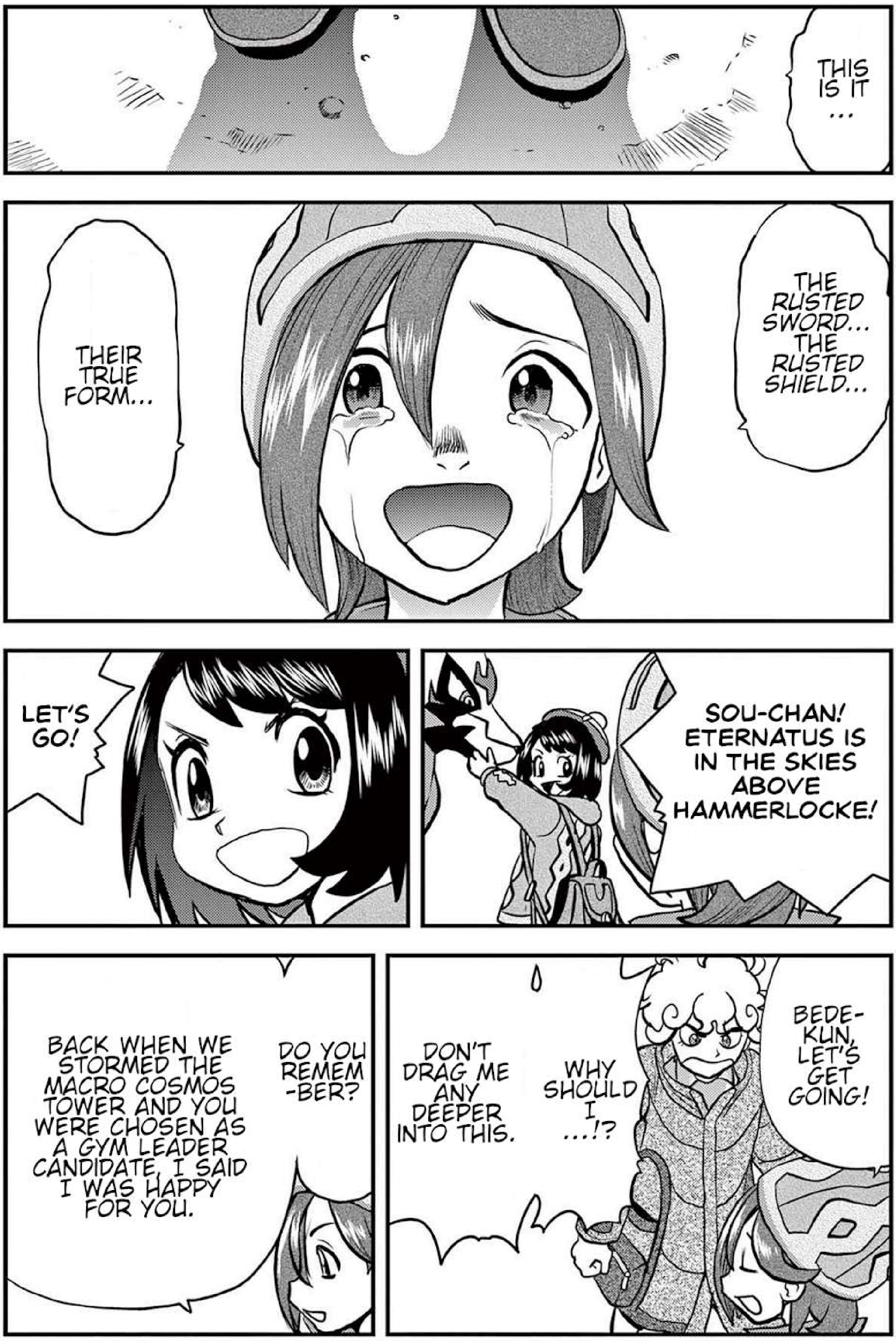


SFX: IMPACT

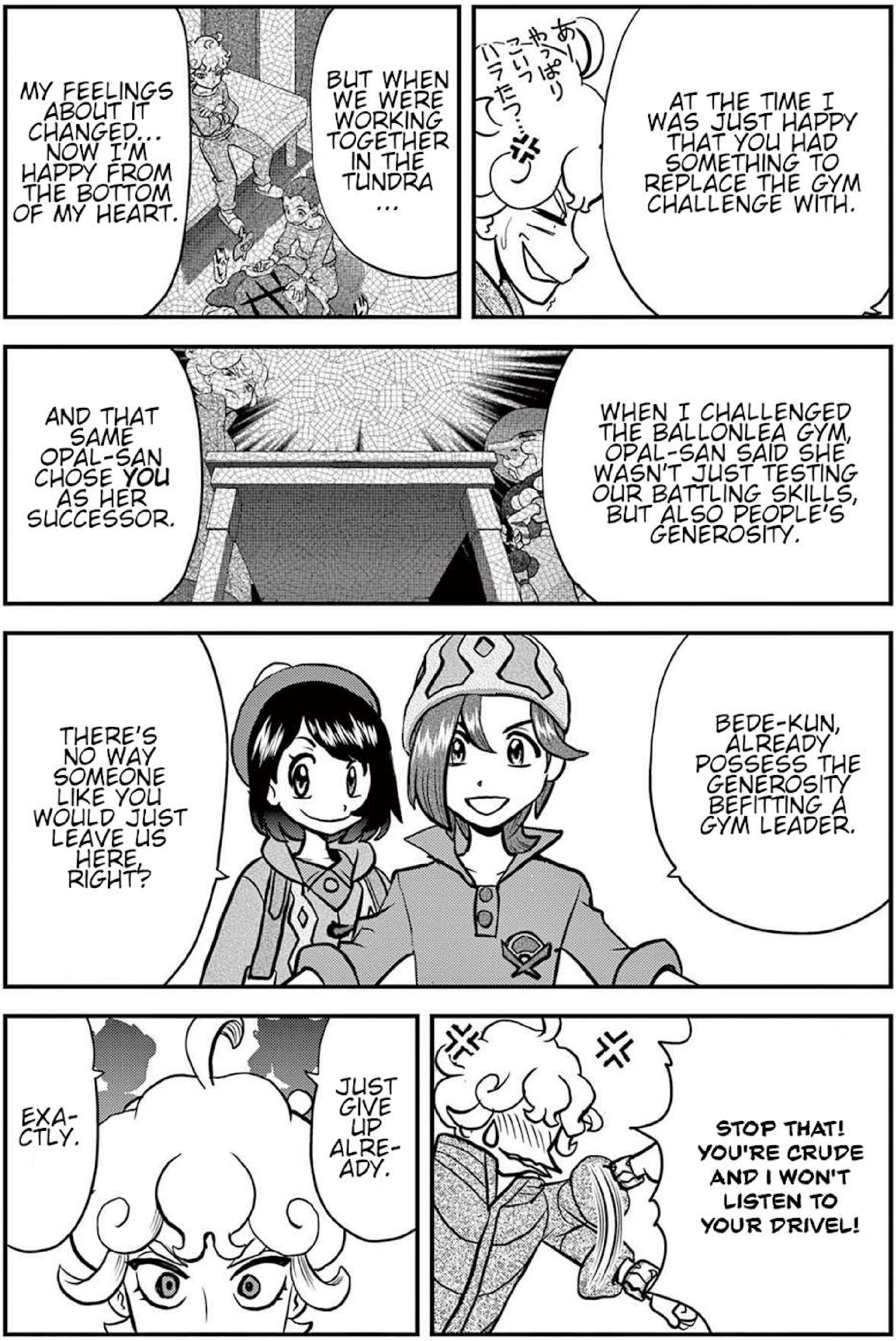
SFX: RUMBLE






THIS IS IT ...
THE RUSTED SWORD... THE RUSTED SHIELD...
THEIR TRUE FORM...
SOU-CHAN! ETERNATUS IS IN THE SKIES ABOVE HAMMERLOCKE!
LET'S GO!
BEDE-KUN, LET'S GET GOING!
WHY SHOULD I ...!?
DON'T DRAG ME ANY DEEPER INTO THIS.
DO YOU REMEM-BER?
BACK WHEN WE STORMED THE MACRO COSMOS TOWER AND YOU WERE CHOSEN AS A GYM LEADER CANDIDATE, I SAID I WAS HAPPY FOR YOU.

SFX: YEAH, THIS GUY
REALLY TICKS ME OFF...

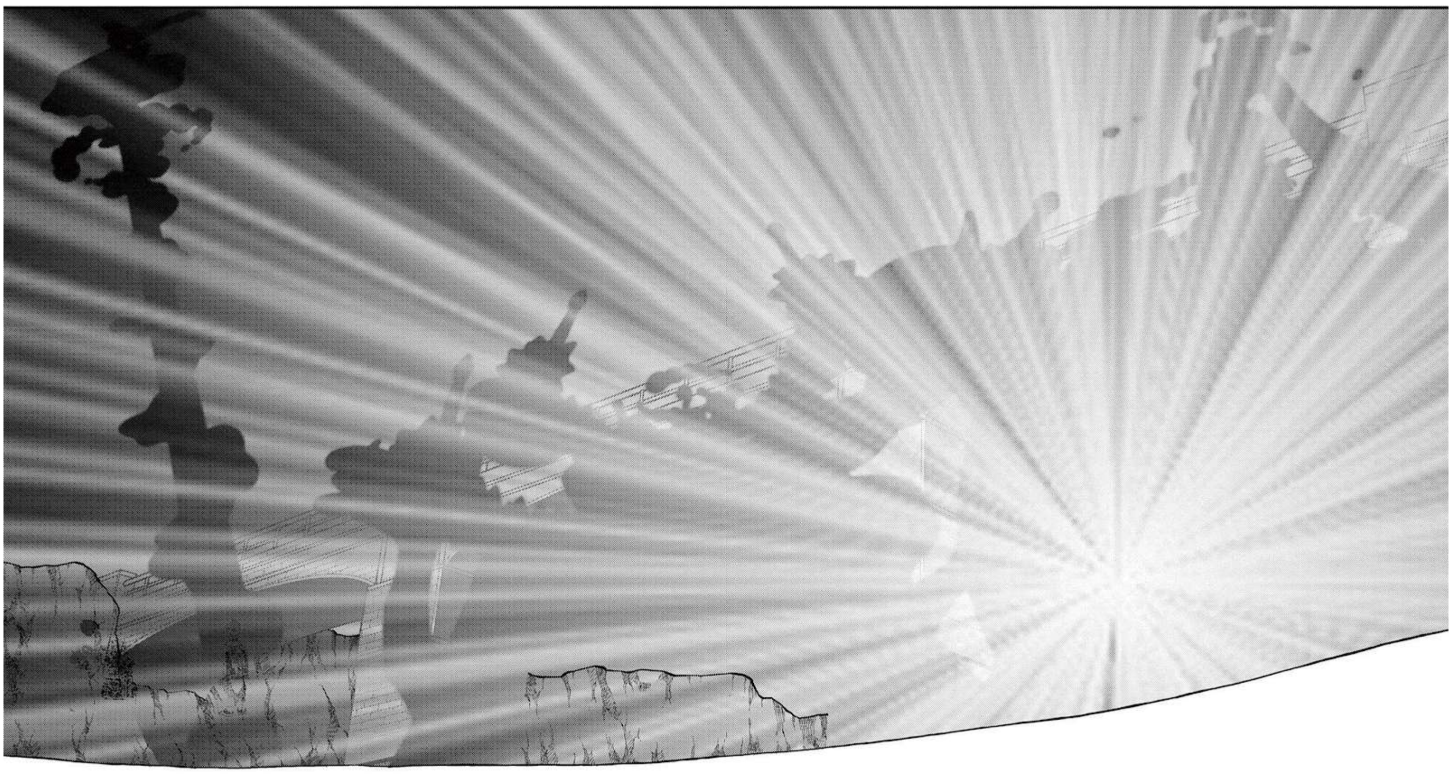


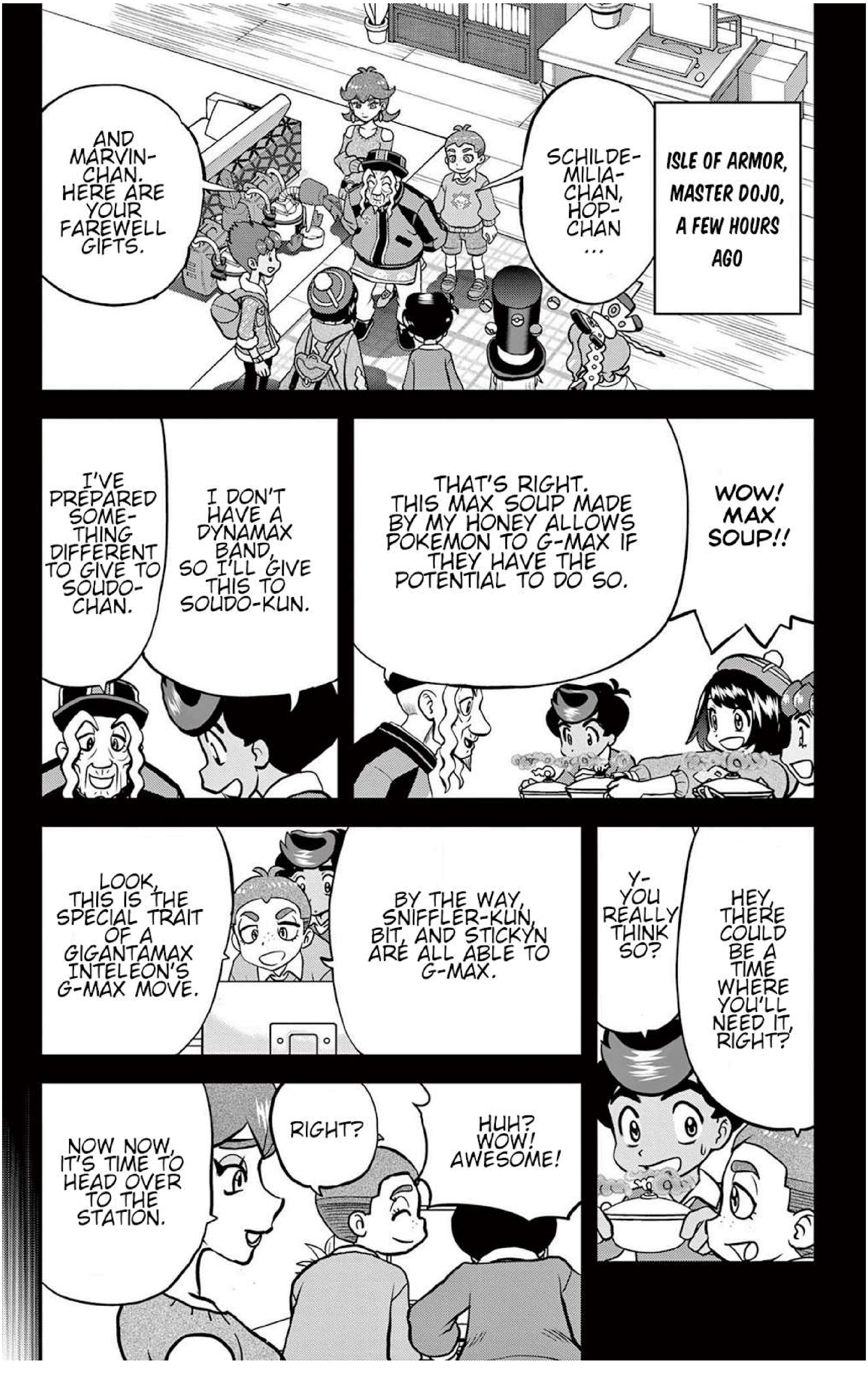
THAT SAME OPAL-SAN LEFT A MESSAGE.
SINCE I'M NOW A NORMAL GIRL AGAIN, I'M GOING BACK TO THE GYM. I'LL LEAVE THE GYM LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOU.
WELL THEN, THE ENEMY IS ABOVE HAMMER-LOCKE CITY.
SHOULD WE GET GOING?
DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO AND HELP AT THE TUNDRA!?
APPARENTLY THE KING WHO PROTECTS THE VILLAGE AND A FORMER GYM LEADER PLUS FORMER CHAMPION ARE ALREADY THERE.
BESIDES, KABU-SAN, NESSA-CHAN, MILO-KUN, ALLISTER-KUN, GORDIE KUN ARE ALSO HEADED THERE.
I'M SURE THEY DON'T NEED ME.
DON'T IMAGINE IT.
YOU'RE DOING IT TOO.

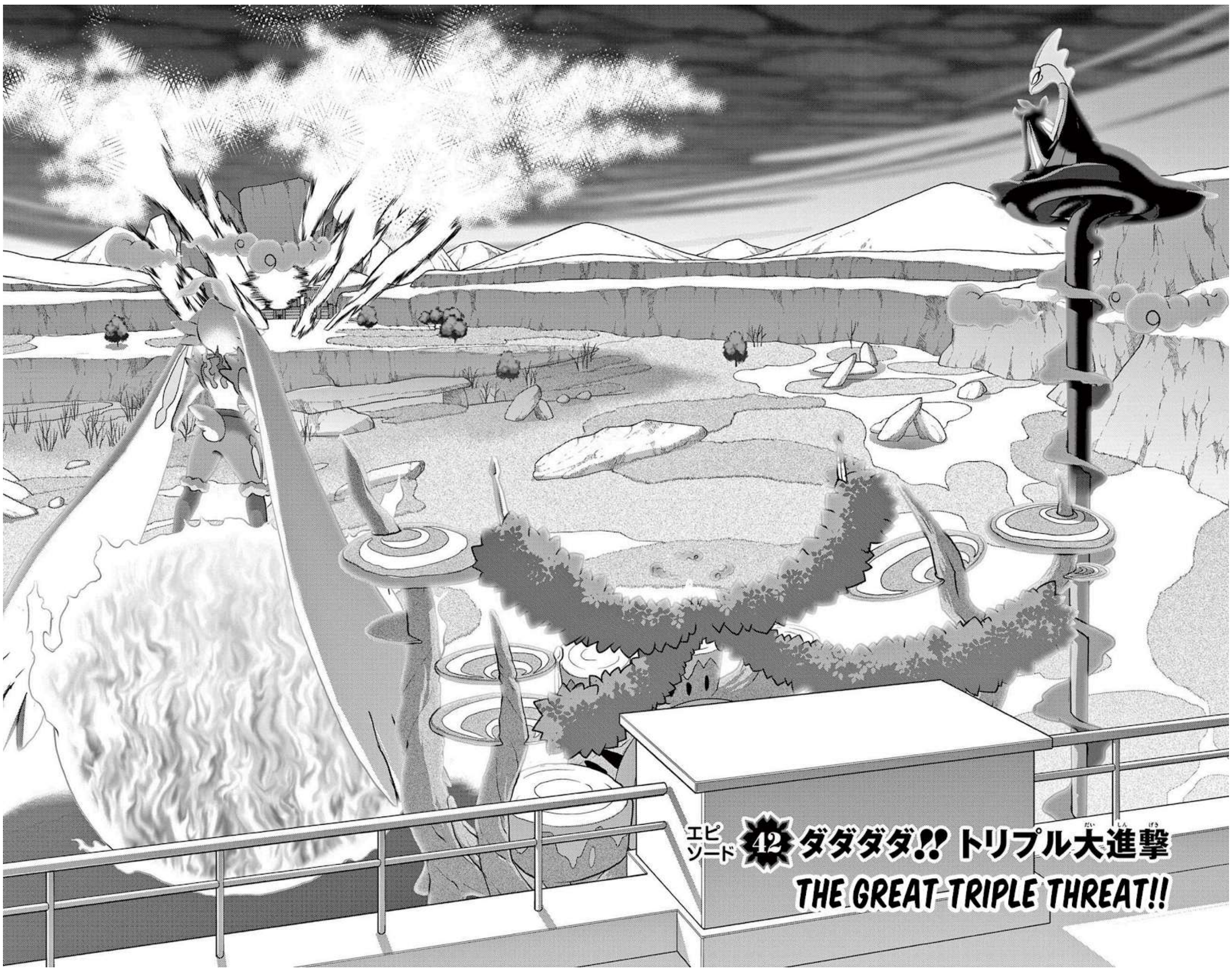
OH, IT'S RAIHAN-KUN.
キバナ
'SUP?
... YEAH, WE'RE ALL TOGETHER NOW. EVERYONE'S FINE. WE'RE OFF TO HAMMERLOCKE CITY.
HUH?
WE CAN'T GET CLOSE?

IT SEEMS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE TORNADO THAT APPEARED WHEN ETERNATUS WOKE UP.
THE G-MAXED SANDACONDA AND KINGLER ARE PROTECTING ETERNATUS AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER.
KINGLER'S HIGHLY ALKALINE BUBBLES ARE BEING SCATTERED BY SANDACONDA'S SANDSTORM, WHICH INCREASES THEIR AREA OF EFFECT.
TO CARELESSLY CHARGE IN WOULD BE UNWISE.
IT'S NOT JUST THE 2 OF THEM.
OLEANA -SAN.
WE HAVE CONFIRMED A G-MAXED ORBEETLE ABOVE THEM.
HUH? WHY ARE THE 3 OF THEM HELPING OUT ETERNATUS !?
IT IS LIKELY ACTING AS A COMMAND TOWER, INSTRUCTING THE OTHER 2 WHEN TO ATTACK RATHER THAN SIMPLY LASHING OUT.

THERE ARE NOBLES OTHER THAN SORDWARD & SHIELDBERT WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION. THEY'RE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF THE OTHER 2 AND WANT THEIR AUTHORITY AND STATUS REINSTATED.
MAN, THEY JUST DON'T LEARN.
LOOKS LIKE ZACIAN & ZAMAZENTA ARE ALSO HESITANT ABOUT CHARGING IN.
THEY PROBABLY REALISE THAT IT WOULD BE BAD TO TAKE TOO MUCH DAMAGE BEFORE EVEN GETTING TO ETERNATUS.
BUT WE CAN'T JUST LOOK FROM AFAR...
THAT'S IT!
HOP-SAN, LET'S TRADE POKEMON!
HUH? WHY NOW?
IF WE G-MAX MY SNIFFLER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BREAK OUT OF THIS SITUATION!
BUT I DON'T HAVE A DYNAMAX BAND, SO I CAN'T GET SNIFFLER TO G-MAX MYSELF!
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN COMMAND IT PROPERLY THOUGH.
YOU CAN DO IT.

BUT IF OUR OPPONENTS ARE USING COMBOS, THEN WE SHOULD USE COMBOS TOO.
DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE TEARY EYES OF YOURS. I NEVER SAID I APPROVED OF YOU AS A TRAINER.
BE~ DE ...!



ISLE OF ARMOR, MASTER DOJO, A FEW HOURS AGO
SCHILDE-MILIA-CHAN, HOP-CHAN ...
AND MARVIN-CHAN. HERE ARE YOUR FAREWELL GIFTS.
WOW! MAX SOUP!!
THAT'S RIGHT. THIS MAX SOUP MADE BY MY HONEY ALLOWS POKEMON TO G-MAX IF THEY HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DO SO.
I DON'T HAVE A DYNAMAX BAND, SO I'LL GIVE THIS TO SOUDO-KUN.
I'VE PREPARED SOME-THING DIFFERENT TO GIVE TO SOUDO-CHAN.
HEY, THERE COULD BE A TIME WHERE YOU'LL NEED IT, RIGHT?
Y-YOU REALLY THINK SO?
BY THE WAY, SNIFFLER-KUN, BIT, AND STICKYN ARE ALL ABLE TO G-MAX.
LOOK, THIS IS THE SPECIAL TRAIT OF A GIGANTAMAX INTELEON'S G-MAX MOVE.
HUH? WOW! AWESOME!
RIGHT?
NOW NOW, IT'S TIME TO HEAD OVER TO THE STATION.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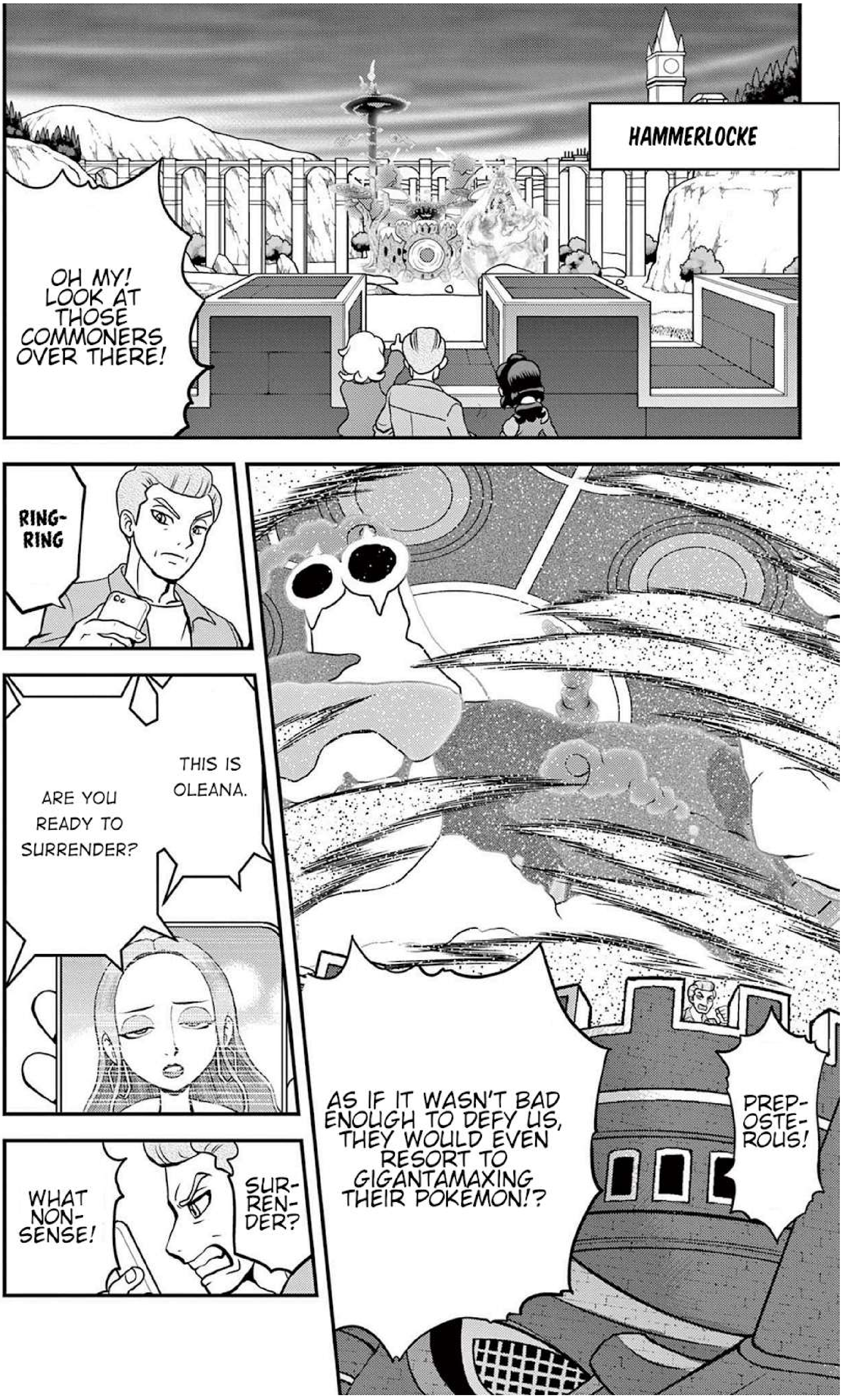
THE GREAT TRIPLE THREAT!!


HAMMERLOCKE
OH MY! LOOK AT THOSE COMMONERS OVER THERE!
RING-RING
THIS IS OLEANA.
ARE YOU READY TO SURRENDER?
SUR-REN-DER?
WHAT NON-SENSE!
PREP-OSTE-ROUS!
AS IF IT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH TO DEFY US, THEY WOULD EVEN RESORT TO GIGANTAMAXING THEIR POKEMON!?

WHAT?
ZACIAN AND ZAMAZENTA WILL DO THAT FOR US.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO DRIVE IT BACK.
YOU PEOPLE DON'T REALLY THINK YOU CAN DRIVE BACK ETERNATUS BY YOURSELVES, DO YOU?
CAN'T YOU COMMONERS UNDERSTAND SOMETHING SO BASIC?
YOU PEOPLE SHOULD BE HELPING US PASS DOWN OUR NOBLE MESSAGE TO THE REST OF SOCIETY! AS WE ALREADY STATED, WE SHALL ONLY LET YOU ENTER HAMMERLOCKE IF YOU RELEASE SORDWARD AND SHIELDBERT, AND GUARANTEE OUR STATUS AND PRESTIGE AS HEROES.
WHY WOULD WE NOBLES EVER NEED TO SULLY OUR HANDS? ISN'T SUCH DIRTY WORK THE DUTY OF THE LOWER CLASSES?
SFX: INDEED, INDEED
ENO-UGH!
THAT IS

IT SEEMS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BROKEN DOWN.
IF YOU INSIST ON BEING STUBBORN, PLEASE HEED MY ADVICE.
HOW ARROGANT!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ETERNATUS SEES YOU AS ITS ALLIES?
RATHER THAN SECURING YOUR STATUS AND PRESTIGE, YOU PEOPLE SHOULD BE SECURING YOUR LIVES.
WITH THAT, I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF.
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OH- OH MY! I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE COMMONERS WOULD THREATEN US!
F- FOOLISH COMMONERS! THERE IS NO WAY ETERNATUS WOULD LAY A FINGER ON THE DESCENDANTS OF THE NOBLES WHO ONCE SEALED HIM AWAY!
TH- THAT'S RIGHT!
EEK!!
SFX: BADUM !!
WH- WHAT IS THAT SOUND?!
IT'S THE DRUMMING OF THAT COMMONER'S G-MAX RILLABOOM!
OF COURSE A COMMONER'S POKEMON WOULD PRODUCE SUCH AN AWFUL RACKET!
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SFX: BADUM BADUM BADUM

SFX: SQUAT
SFX: SLICE
SFX: LOOM

SFX: BLUB BLUB

SFX: SPL-ASH

SFX: DUM DUM

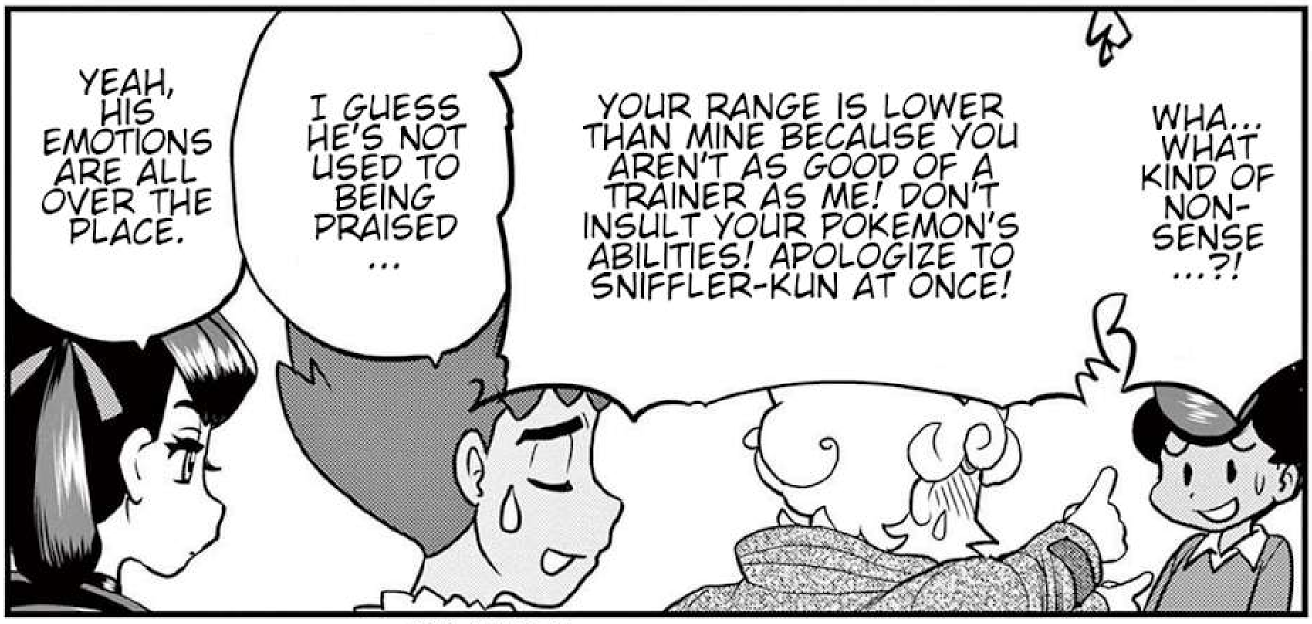
SFX: HISS
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: BANG

"キョダイソゲキ"!!
G-MAX HYDROSNIPE
SFX: WOOSH
SFX: GAN
SFX: BONK
SFX: STAGGER

G-MAX FIREBALL
ギョダイカギュウ!!
SFX: BAM
SFX: CRY
SFX: THUD

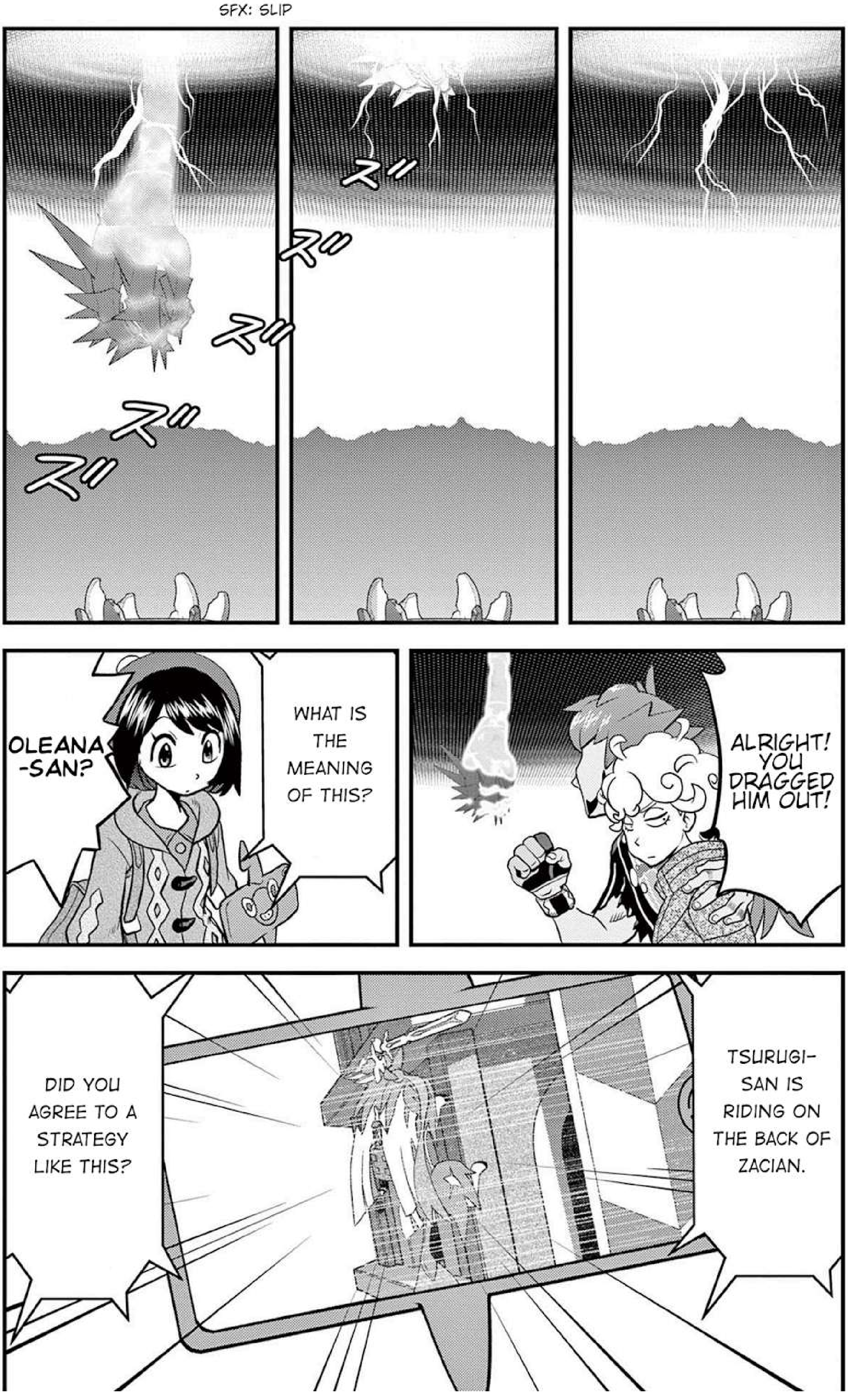
SFX: FWOOM
SFX: BAM
SHOOT! IT KNOWS IT'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF IT COMES DOWN SO IT'S SNEAKILY ATTACKING FROM UP HIGH!
LET'S GO! EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO BEAT IT, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CREATE AN OPENING AT LEAST!
LEAVE THAT TO **ME**.

SFX: THUD
G-MAX HATTERENE CAN SENSE A POKEMON'S ANIMOSITY FROM 50 KILOMETERS AWAY AND STRIKE IT.
HOLD IT, HOLD IT. HOW ABOUT LETTING THE ADULTS SHOW OFF A LITTLE TOO?
YOU ASIDE, THE CHAMPION AND RAIHAN ARE TOO WORN OUT. THEY'LL ONLY GET IN THE WAY.
HIS LITTLE SISTER IS A BIT RUDE ...
WELL, WE KNOW WHERE SHE GETS IT FROM!
PIERS-SAN, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT MY JOB WAS TO ACT AS A TRUE GYM LEADER REPRESEN-TATIVE, WEREN'T YOU?
THAT WOULD MEAN WE HAVE EQUAL AUTHORITY. THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHILD AND AN ADULT HERE.
50 KM AWAY, HUH? I'M BEAT! SNIFFLER-KUN CAN ONLY GO AS FAR AS 15 KM.
OF COURSE! HE IS A GYM LEADER CANDIDATE, AFTER ALL!



SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: CRASH


SFX: SLIP
ALRIGHT! YOU DRAGGED HIM OUT!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
OLEANA-SAN?
TSURUGI-SAN IS RIDING ON THE BACK OF ZACIAN.
DID YOU AGREE TO A STRATEGY LIKE THIS?

SOU-CHAAAA ~AAN!
WHAA ~T?!
DID HE... WANT TO SEE THE POWER OF THE SWORD AND SHIELD IN ACTION?
SFX: WHOOM
WOW! SO THIS IS ZAMAZENTA'S SHIELD...!
SFX: ROAR

SFX: STAG-GER
UGH!
SFX: THUD
HA
HA
HA
HA
NEXT IS ZACIAN'S SWORD...
SFX: CLACK

SFX: SLAM
SFX: BAM
SFX: FSS-HHH

UR-
UR-SHIFU?
WE MADE IT!
ARE YOU OKAY, TSURIGI?!
SHI-CHAN, HOP-KUN!
WE'LL TALK LATER! LET'S TAKE COVER BEHIND THOSE STAIRS!
WAIT!
I WANT TO STAY HERE!
I REALLY WANT TO SEE ZACIAN DISPLAY THE FULL POWER OF THE SWORD!
YOU'RE SO ...!
SURE.

SCHIL-DEMILIA?!
IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE I MET SOU-CHAN.
I WANTED TO GET BACK MY LOST TEAM...
AND SOU-CHAN WANTED TO EXAMINE THE *RUSTED SWORD* AND *SHIELD*.
THAT'S WHY WE SET OUT ON THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER.
I GOT MY WISH!
THANKS TO SOU-CHAN, PROFESSOR MAGNOLIA, MARVIN, HOP-KUN...
AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO GAVE THEIR SUPPORT.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HELP YOUR WISH COME TRUE AS WELL!
....
UR-SHIFU...
THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING ME.
FROM NOW ON...

ARMORN.
THAT'S YOUR NICKNAME. IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU?
YOU'VE OFFICIALLY JOINED THE TEAM, HUH?! EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T USE ANY TOOLS!
MASTER MUSTARD SAID THAT ARMORN WAS LIKE SECRET ARMOR.
DURING THE BATTLE JUST NOW, HE PROTECTED ME LIKE AN ACTUAL SET OF ARMOR.
IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE A STRETCH, BUT HIS TOOLS ARE HIS POWER AND HIS FEELINGS.

GOOD GOING, ARMORN!
SFX: RUMBLE
SFX: PII

SFX: BANG BANG
IT'S NOT LETTING UP AT ALL!
ZACIAN CAN'T SEEM TO FIND AN OPENING TO ATTACK!
EVEN WITH ZAMAZENTA SERVING AS A DISTRACTION, THERE'S NO WAY ZACIAN CAN TAKE ON ALL 5 OF THOSE FINGER-LIKE HEADS!
THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME THAT TAKE AIM AT ZACIAN!
AND ETERNATUS CAN SEE EVERYTHING FROM ABOVE, SO IT HAS NO BLINDSPOTS!
MAYBE LOOKING DOWN IS ITS BLINDSPOT?
HUH?
FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU GO AT IT FROM ABOVE...
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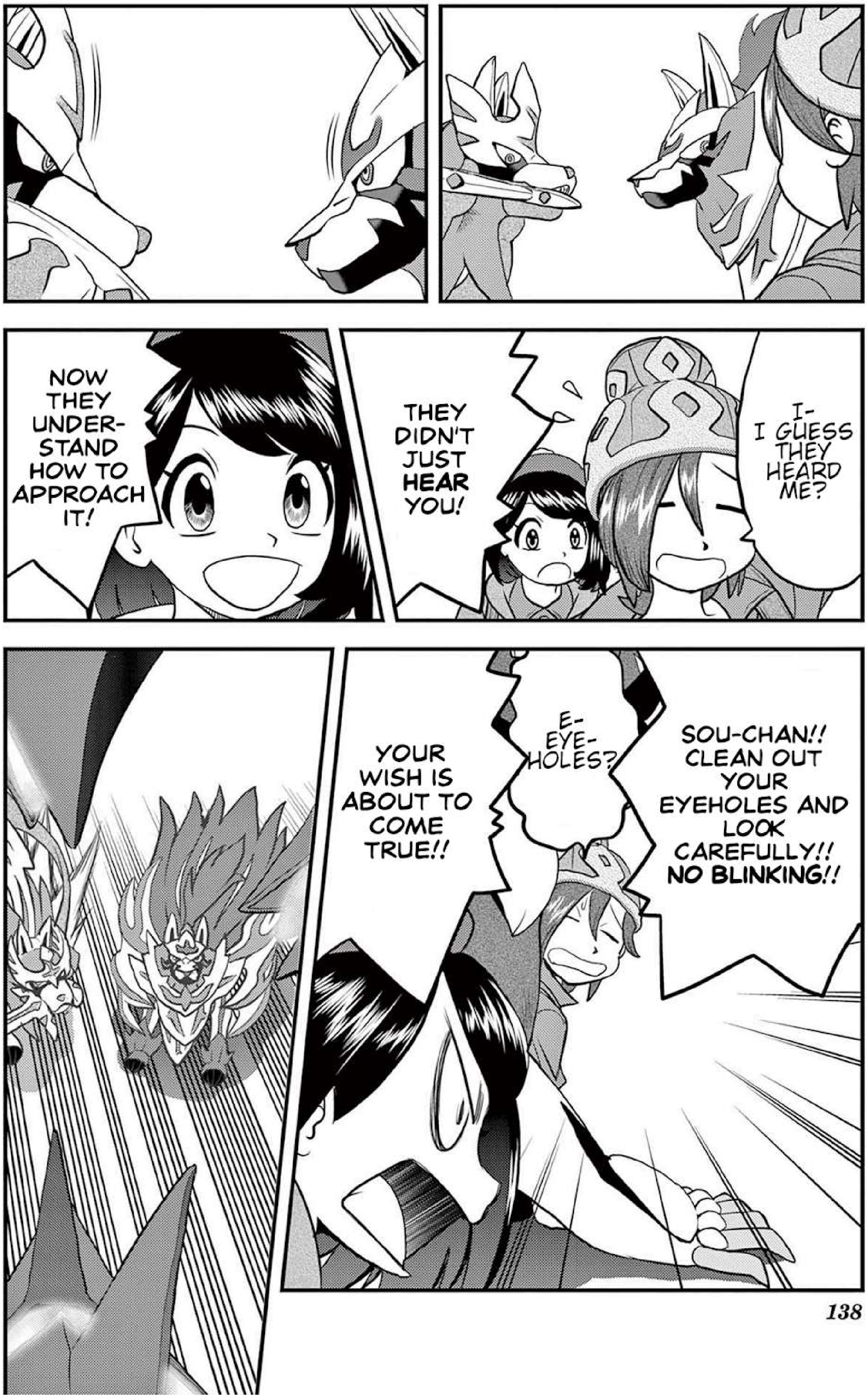
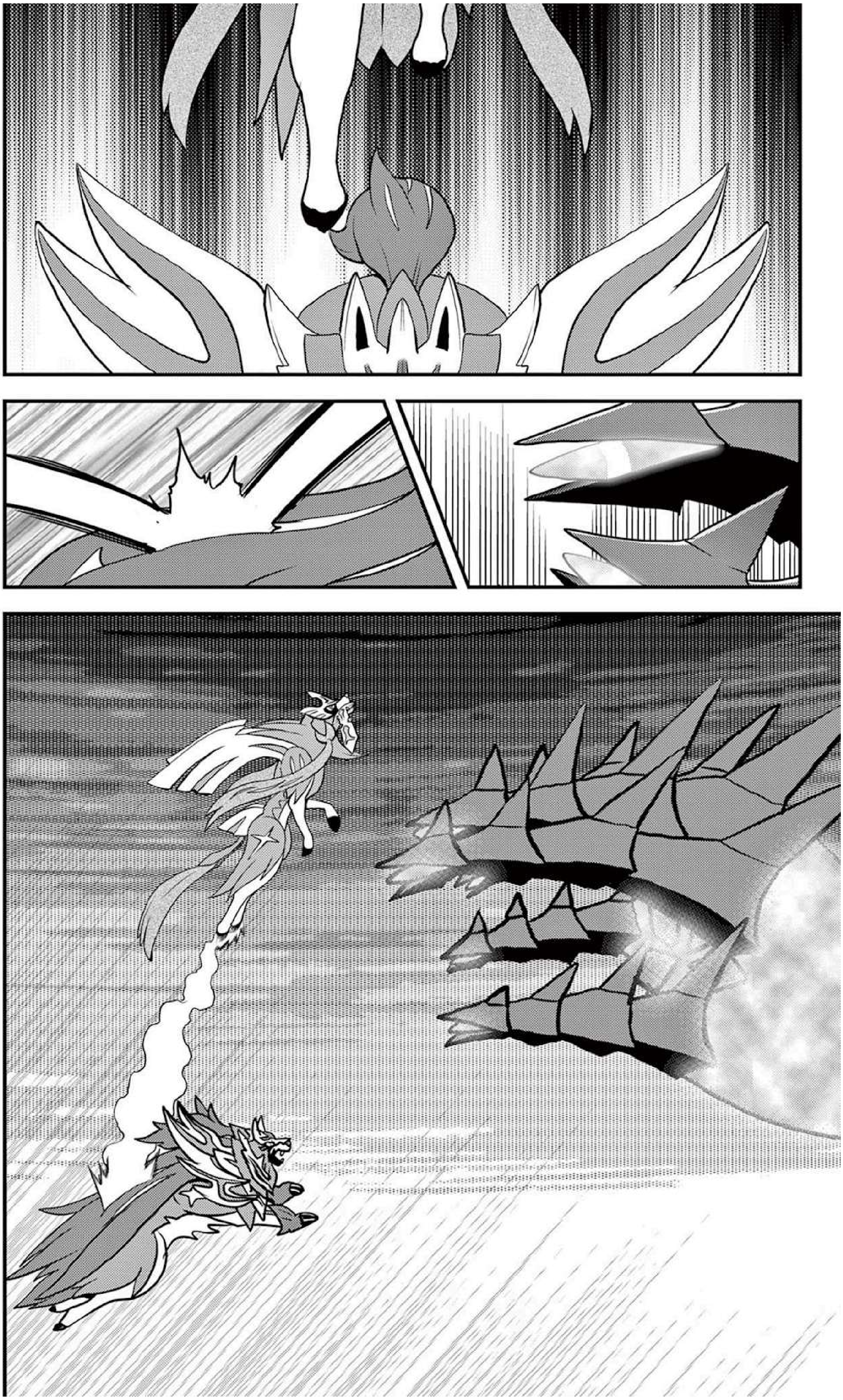

I- I GUESS THEY HEARD ME?
THEY DIDN'T JUST **HEAR** YOU!
NOW THEY UNDER-STAND HOW TO APPROACH IT!
SOU-CHAN!! CLEAN OUT YOUR EYEHOLES AND LOOK CAREFULLY!! **NO BLINKING!!**
E- EYE-HOLES?
YOUR WISH IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE!!

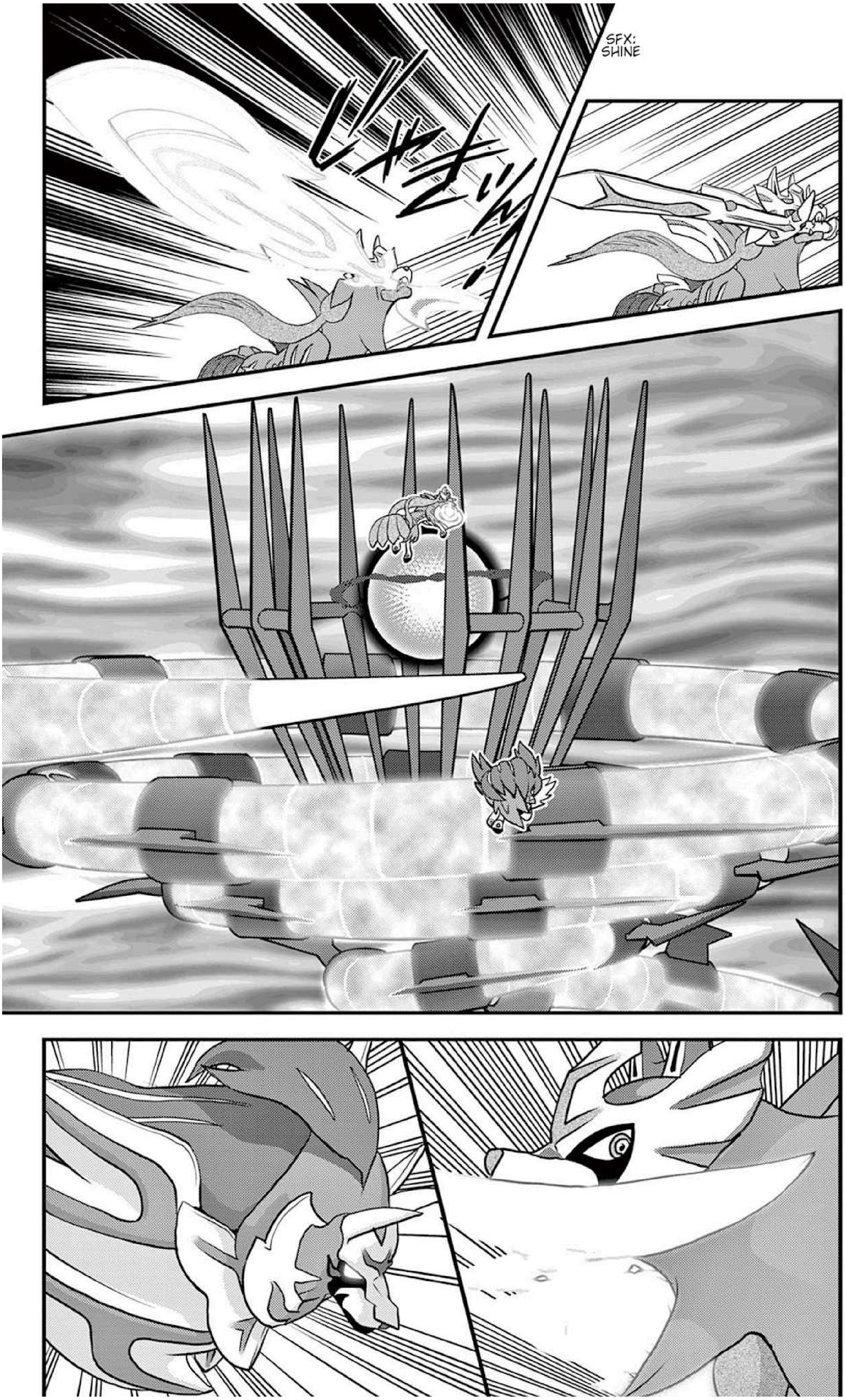
SFX: SMASH

SFX: SWISH

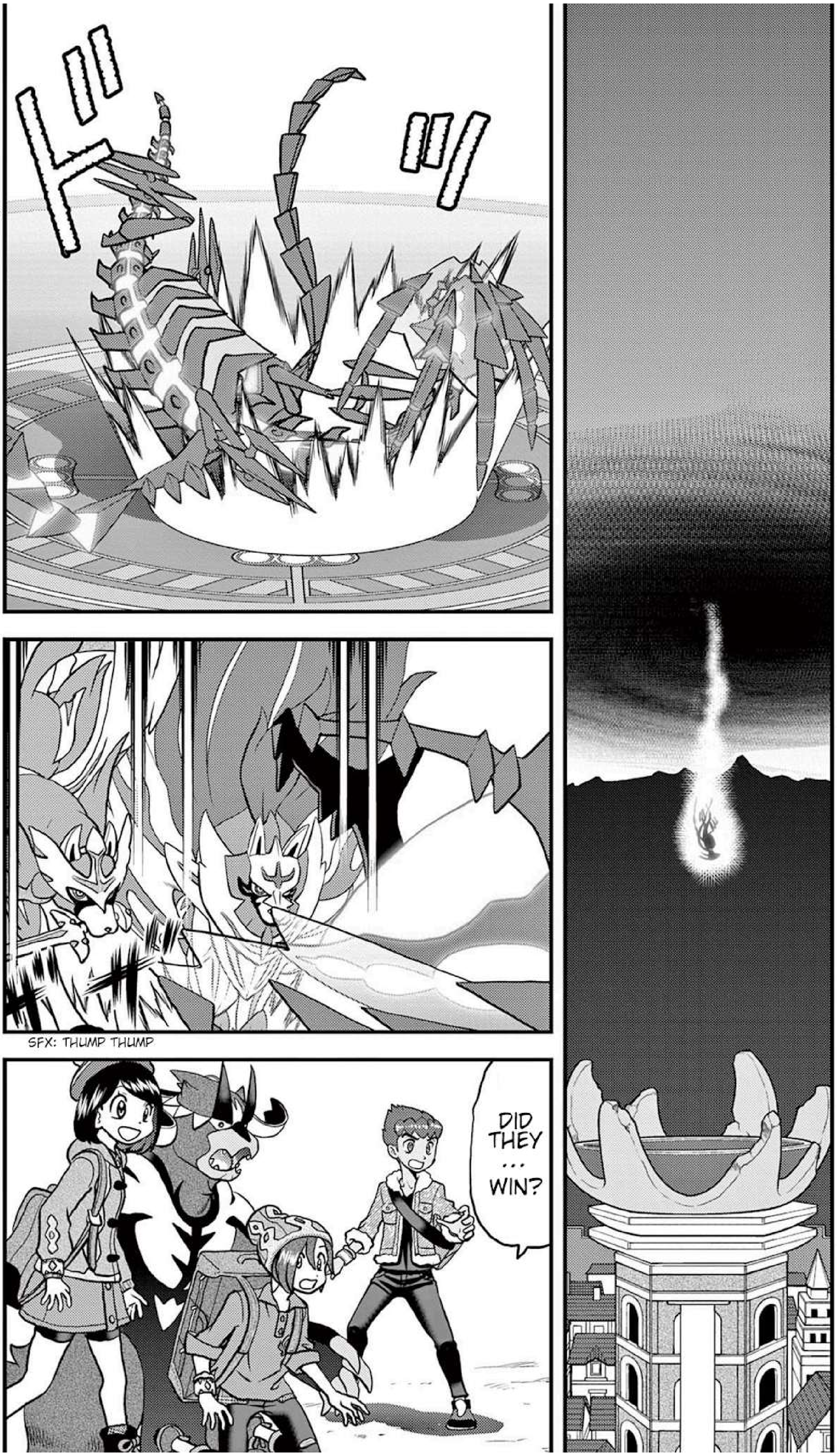
SFX: GLEAM

SFX: WOOSH




SFX: SHINE

BEHEMOTH BLADE
"きょじゅうざん"
"きょじゅうだん"
BEHEMOTH BASH


SFX: BANG
SFX: THUMP THUMP
DID THEY ... WIN?

I THOUGHT HUMANS LIKE US WEREN'T NEEDED FOR THE SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE THREE OF THEM, BUT...
MAYBE PEOPLE AND POKEMON WORKED TOGETHER LIKE THIS IN THE PAST BATTLE TOO.
ZAMAZENTA CREATED A BLINDSPOT USING ITS SHIELD, THEN ZACIAN JUMPED OUT FROM BEHIND FOR A TWO-WAY ATTACK.
THEY GOT THE HINT FROM SOU-CHAN!
OLEANA -SAN!
THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO!?
WE'RE GOING TO SEAL ETERNATUS BACK UNDER THE PLANT SO THAT IT WON'T BE ABLE TO WREAK HAVOC ON THE SURFACE AGAIN.
PLEASE LEAVE THE REST ...
TO US, AS MACRO COSMOS.

ETER-NATUS CAN'T GO BACK HOME ANY-MORE.
IT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE HERE IN GALAR ...
HEY, OLEANA -SAN!
WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH ENERGY NOW, RIGHT?
RATHER THAN SEALING IT AND IMPRI-SONING IT AGAIN ...
CAN'T WE FIND A WAY TO LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY?
PLEASE! I CAN HELP WITH ANYTHING IF YOU NEED IT!
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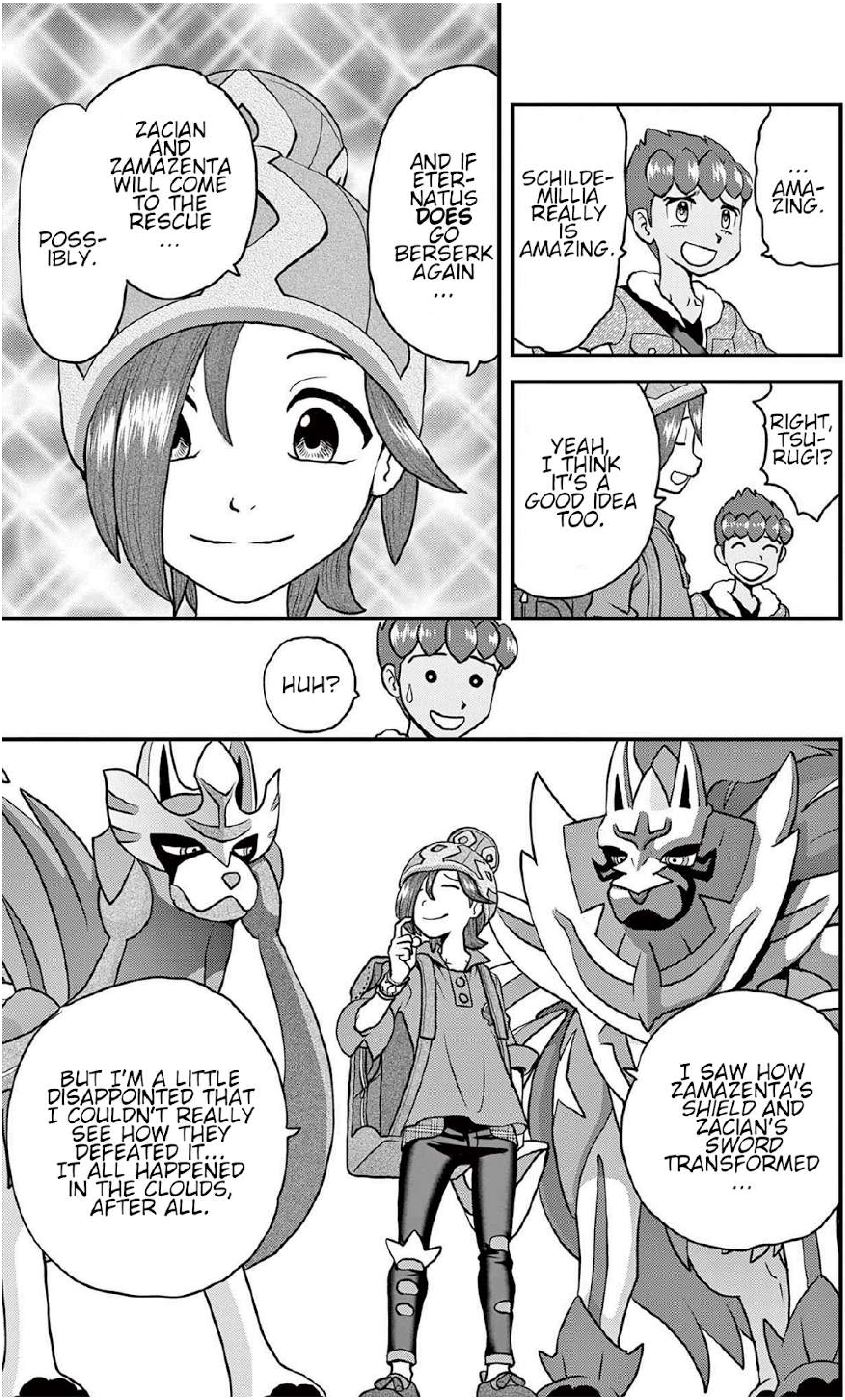
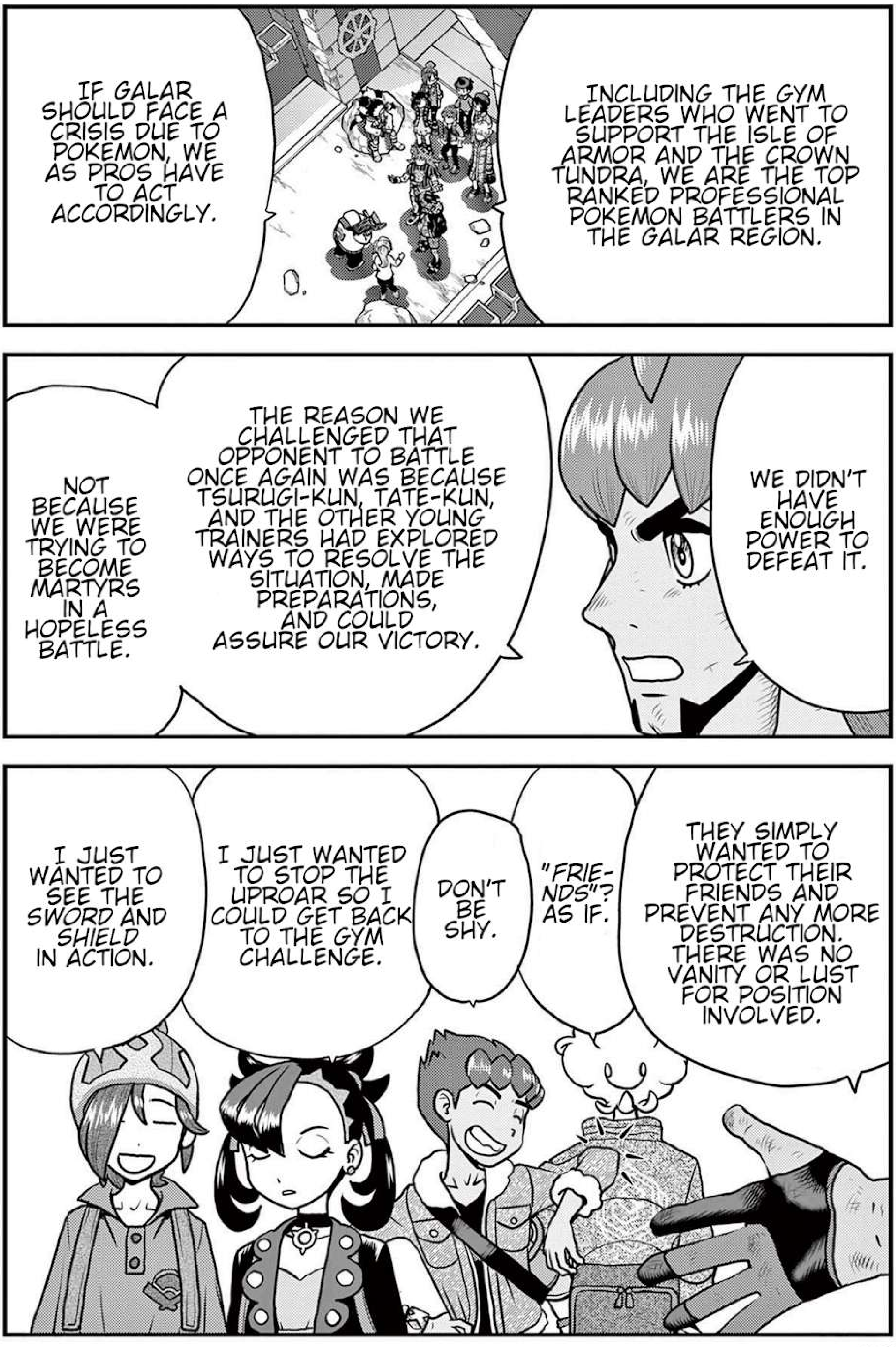
SNI-FFLE
UNDER-STOOD.
WE'LL WORK ON IT AND SEE IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO COEXIST.
ALRI-GHT!

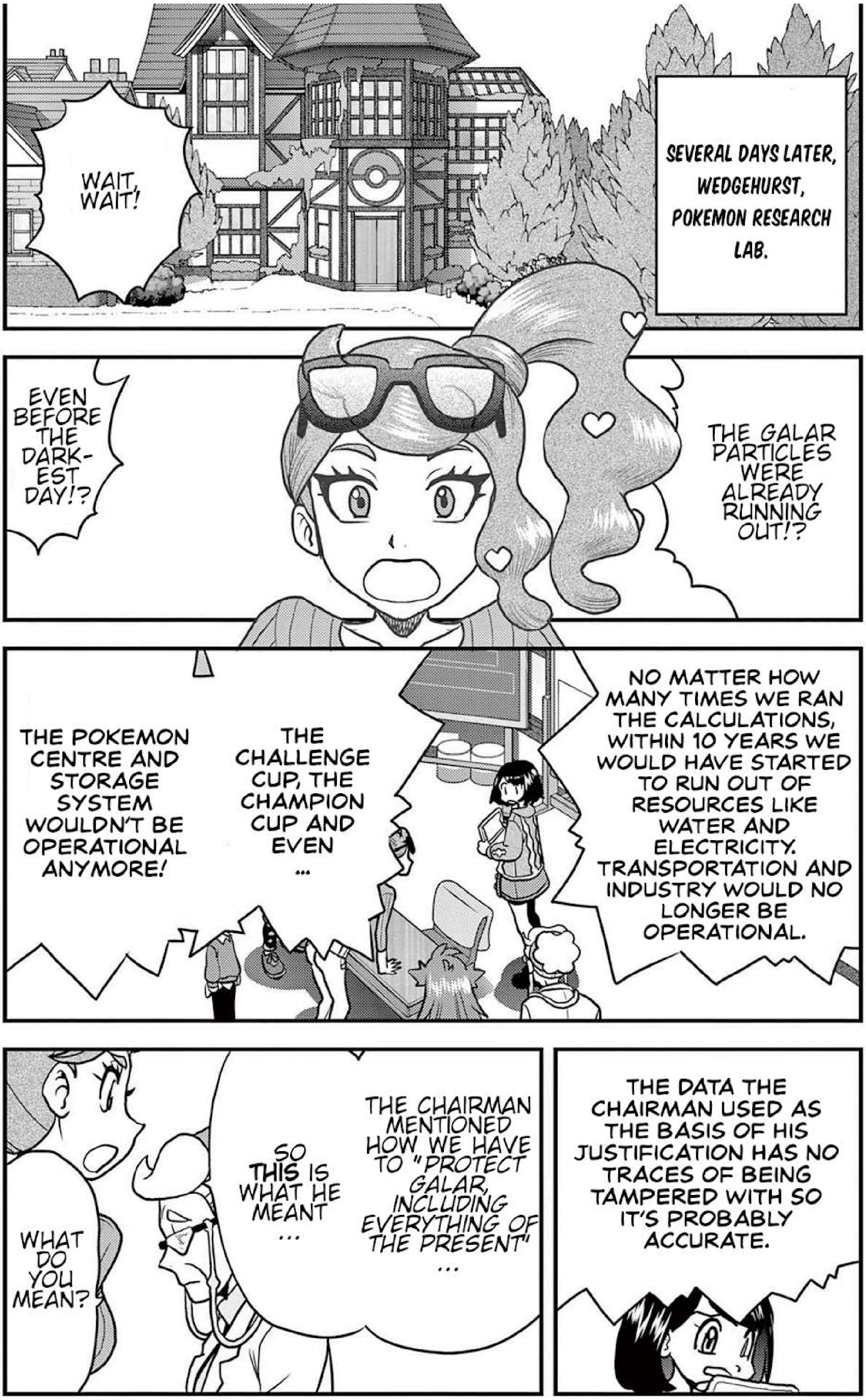

AND IF ETERNATUS DOES GO BERSERK AGAIN ...
ZACIAN AND ZAMAZENTA WILL COME TO THE RESCUE ...
POSSIBLY.
... AMAZING.
SCHILDEMILLIA REALLY IS AMAZING.
RIGHT, TSURUGI?
YEAH, I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TOO.
HUH?
I SAW HOW ZAMAZENTA'S SHIELD AND ZACIAN'S SWORD TRANSFORMED ...
BUT I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT I COULDN'T REALLY SEE HOW THEY DEFEATED IT... IT ALL HAPPENED IN THE CLOUDS, AFTER ALL.

SFX: SHUDDER
AMAZING. BOTH YOU AND SCHILDEMILLIA ...
I CAN'T COMPETE WITH YOU GUYS ...
SOUDO-SAN! SHI-CHAN-SAN! HOP-SAN!
MARVIN! HERE'S YOUR SNIFFLER!
SFX: THUNK

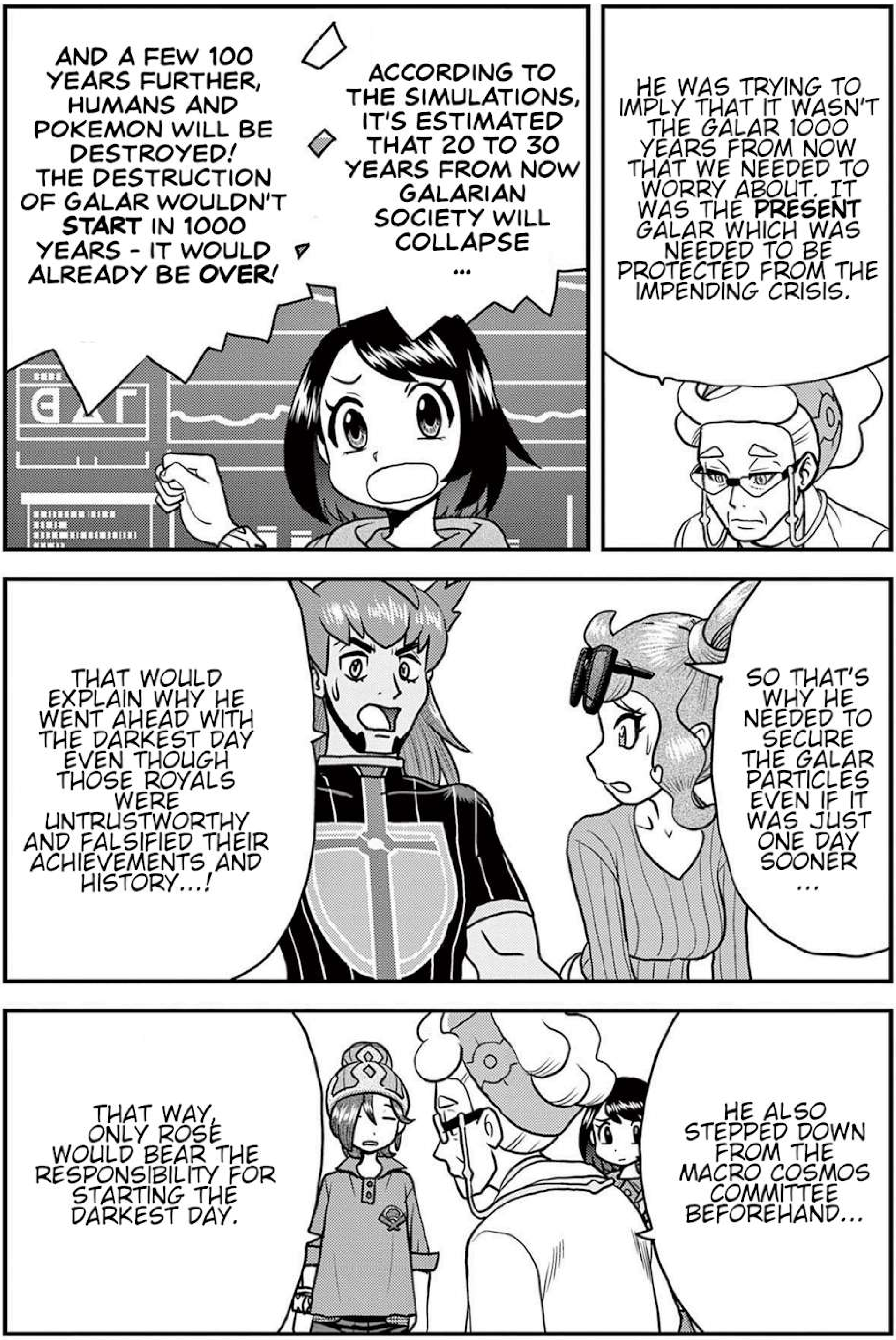
HERE THEY ARE! THE HEROES WHO RESCUED GALAR FROM ITS CRISIS.
WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THEIR OWN LIVES AND FOR THE SAFETY OF GALAR, THESE SELF-SACRIFICING SOULS-
HOLD UP, HOLD UP. CAN YOU PLEASE STOP THAT?
IF YOU GET CARRIED AWAY AND CASUALLY THROW AROUND WORDS LIKE SACRIFICE AND HEROES ...
WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH PESTS LIKE THEM.
ANY-WAY ...
IF I SACRIFICED MY LIFE, THE GALAR REGION WOULD HAVE TO COPE WITH THE LOSS OF THE GREAT RAIHAN. I WOULD FEEL BAD FOR ITS PEOPLE.
RIGHT, LEON!?
I WOULDN'T GOT THAT FAR.
REGARDLESS, I HAD NO INTENTION OF BECOMING A HERO OR A NOBLE SACRIFICE.


INCLUDING THE GYM LEADERS WHO WENT TO SUPPORT THE ISLE OF ARMOR AND THE CROWN TUNDRA, WE ARE THE TOP RANKED PROFESSIONAL POKEMON BATTLERS IN THE GALAR REGION.
IF GALAR SHOULD FACE A CRISIS DUE TO POKEMON, WE AS PROS HAVE TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.
WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO DEFEAT IT.
THE REASON WE CHALLENGED THAT OPPONENT TO BATTLE ONCE AGAIN WAS BECAUSE TSURUGI-KUN, TATE-KUN, AND THE OTHER YOUNG TRAINERS HAD EXPLORED WAYS TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION, MADE PREPARATIONS, AND COULD ASSURE OUR VICTORY.
NOT BECAUSE WE WERE TRYING TO BECOME MARTYRS IN A HOPELESS BATTLE.
THEY SIMPLY WANTED TO PROTECT THEIR FRIENDS AND PREVENT ANY MORE DESTRUCTION. THERE WAS NO VANITY OR LUST FOR POSITION INVOLVED.
"FRIE-NDS"? AS IF.
DON'T BE SHY.
I JUST WANTED TO STOP THE UPROAR SO I COULD GET BACK TO THE GYM CHALLENGE.
I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE SWORD AND SHIELD IN ACTION.

ANYWAY, THE ONES WHO BEAT ETERNATUS WERE ZA-
ANYWAY, THE ONES WHO BEAT ETERNATUS WERE ZACIAN AND ZAMAZENTA!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO CELEBRATE ANYONE AS A HERO ...
THEN THE **REAL** HEROES ARE ZACIAN AND ZAMA-ZENTA!
BASI-CALLY ...
NO MORE HEROES.
... IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO SAY.



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, WEDGEHURST, POKEMON RESEARCH LAB.
WAIT, WAIT!
THE GALAR PARTICLES WERE ALREADY RUNNING OUT!?
EVEN BEFORE THE DARKEST DAY!?
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE RAN THE CALCULATIONS, WITHIN 10 YEARS WE WOULD HAVE STARTED TO RUN OUT OF RESOURCES LIKE WATER AND ELECTRICITY. TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRY WOULD NO LONGER BE OPERATIONAL.
THE CHALLENGE CUP, THE CHAMPION CUP AND EVEN ...
THE POKEMON CENTRE AND STORAGE SYSTEM WOULDN'T BE OPERATIONAL ANYMORE!
THE DATA THE CHAIRMAN USED AS THE BASIS OF HIS JUSTIFICATION HAS NO TRACES OF BEING TAMPERED WITH SO IT'S PROBABLY ACCURATE.
THE CHAIRMAN MENTIONED HOW WE HAVE TO "PROTECT GALAR, INCLUDING EVERYTHING OF THE PRESENT" ...
SO THIS IS WHAT HE MEANT ...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



AND A FEW 100 YEARS FURTHER, HUMANS AND POKEMON WILL BE DESTROYED! THE DESTRUCTION OF GALAR WOULDN'T START IN 1000 YEARS - IT WOULD ALREADY BE OVER!
ACCORDING TO THE SIMULATIONS, IT'S ESTIMATED THAT 20 TO 30 YEARS FROM NOW GALARIAN SOCIETY WILL COLLAPSE ...
HE WAS TRYING TO IMPLY THAT IT WASN'T THE GALAR 1000 YEARS FROM NOW THAT WE NEEDED TO WORRY ABOUT. IT WAS THE PRESENT GALAR WHICH WAS NEEDED TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE IMPENDING CRISIS.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY HE WENT AHEAD WITH THE DARKEST DAY EVEN THOUGH THOSE ROYALS WERE UNTRUSTWORTHY AND FALSIFIED THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND HISTORY...!
SO THAT'S WHY HE NEEDED TO SECURE THE GALAR PARTICLES EVEN IF IT WAS JUST ONE DAY SOONER ...
THAT WAY, ONLY ROSE WOULD BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR STARTING THE DARKEST DAY.
HE ALSO STEPPED DOWN FROM THE MACRO COSMOS COMMITTEE BEFOREHAND...

AS FOR BEDE, HE WAS ONLY PRETENDING TO USE HIM AND GIVING HIM THE COLD SHOULDER ...
HE WANTED BEDE TO LOOK LIKE A VICTIM ...
POLICE HOSPITAL STATION, VISITING ROOM.
IN THE TOWN WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED, I WAS INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO POKEMON BATTLE ...
BUT NONE OF THOSE INSTRUCTO-RS EVER ACKNOW-LEDGED MY STRENGTH ...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WON, NO ONE EVER SAID ANYTHING.
WHETHER I DID GOOD OR BAD.
THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT WERE WEAKER THAN ME AND WHO LOST TO ME THAT WERE ENDORSED FOR THE GYM CHALLENGE ...
BUT I WAS TOTALLY IGNORED.
THE FIRST PERSON TO EVER PRAISE ME ...
THE ONE WHO GAVE ME A CHANCE TO SOAR, WAS YOU ...

HAHAHA. ISN'T **FIRST** A BIT OF AN EXAGGERATION?
I'M SURE SOME RELATIVES OR NEIGHBOURS MUST HAVE SAID *"YOU'RE SO STRONG, YOU'LL BE A CHAMPION ONE DAY"* IN THE BEGINNING ...
... WELL, I TOOK THAT TOO LITERALLY ...
BACK WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, YOU WERE PRETTY FULL OF YOURSELF.
THE FIRST THING YOU SAID TO ME WAS *"YOU'RE THE GUY WHO WASN'T ABLE TO BECOME CHAMPION, RIGHT?"* ALL CONDESCENDINGLY.
WELL, IT'S NOT SURPRISING THAT YOU'D ACT A LITTLE ARROGANT IF YOU BECAME SO SKILLED ALL ON YOUR OWN. ESPECIALLY WHEN AS JUST A CHILD.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU'D BECOME DEFENSIVE WHEN FACED WITH TREATMENT THAT DOESN'T ALIGN WITH YOUR SELF-PERCEPTION.
BUT EVEN A CHILD'S WORDS CAN BREAK ADULTS' HEARTS AND HURT THEM, YOU KNOW.
PERHAPS THOSE INSTRUCTORS SIMPLY DIDN'T WANT TO GET HURT.
AND IN YOUR CASE, WHEN YOU WERE TEARING INTO OTHERS IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE TEARING INTO YOURSELF AS WELL.
SO I WANTED TO TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT.

I'M A COWARD, YOU SEE...
THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HELP HUMANS AND POKEMON WHO ARE WEAKENED AND STRUGGLING RIGHT NOW... WHAT'S EVEN WORSE, THOSE WHO MAKE FUN OF THEM, TORMENT THEM, GET RID OF THEM...
I COULDN'T STAND THEM.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO MAKE A GALAR THAT WASN'T LIKE THAT.
TO AN EXTENT, I SUCCEEDED. BUT IF OUR RESOURCES DEPLETED AND OUR LIVELIHOOD WAS GONE, WOULDN'T EVERYTHING GO BACK TO HOW IT USED TO BE?
I COULDN'T STAND THAT THOUGHT.
THE REASON I MAKE SUCH IMPULSIVE DECISIONS IS BECAUSE I'M A COWARD.
SO THEN YOU CHOSE TO GET DRAGGED ACROSS THE MUD ALL BY YOURSELF...
TO THE POINT THAT YOU EVEN PRETENDED TO CUT ME OFF...
I'M SORRY, BEDE-KUN.
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.

PFFT ...
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SOMEONE WITH ENOUGH INSIGHT TO DISCOVER ME COULD NEVER BE MISTAKEN IN THEIR JUDGEMENT.
OH MY.
RIGHT?
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AS IF.
SFX: AHAHA
SFX: KUKUKU
FINALLY, IT'S TIME FOR THE CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS!
A FEW MONTHS LATER, WYNDON CITY, WYNDON STADIUM.

DUE TO THE DARKEST DAY INCIDENT ...
AND THE ARREST OF CHAIRMAN ROSE WHO CAUSED IT... THE CHALLENGE CUP FACED THE RISK OF BEING DISCONTINUED.
BUT DESPITE EVERYTHING, HERE WE ARE TODAY!
IT'S A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE TWO WINNERS OF THE CHALLENGE CUP WHO HAVE PROGRESSED ALL THE WAY TO THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE TOURNAMENT!
WHICH OF THESE TWO ATHLETES WILL MOVE ON TO THE CHAMPION MATCH, AND FACE THE CHAMPION LEON!!?
NOW!
LET THE MATCH BEGIN!

SFX: POOF POOF
WEDGEHURST, POKEMON RESEARCH LAB.
AAAH, WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO ROOT FOR!?
I WANT TO SEE HOP-KUN AND LEON-SAN HAVE THEIR SIBLING SHOWDOWN ...
BUT I ALSO WANT TO SEE MARNIE BECOME THE CHAMPION!
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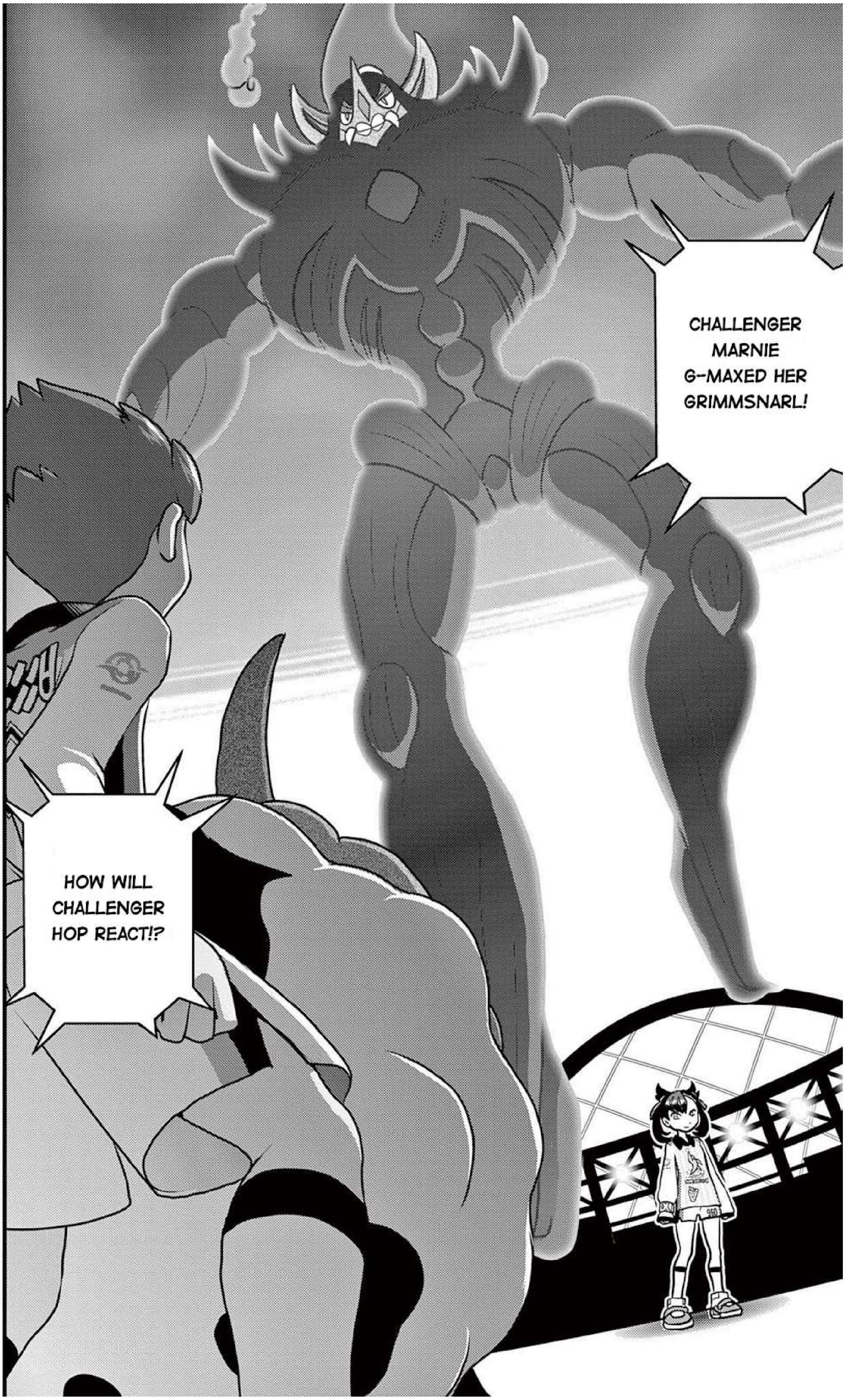
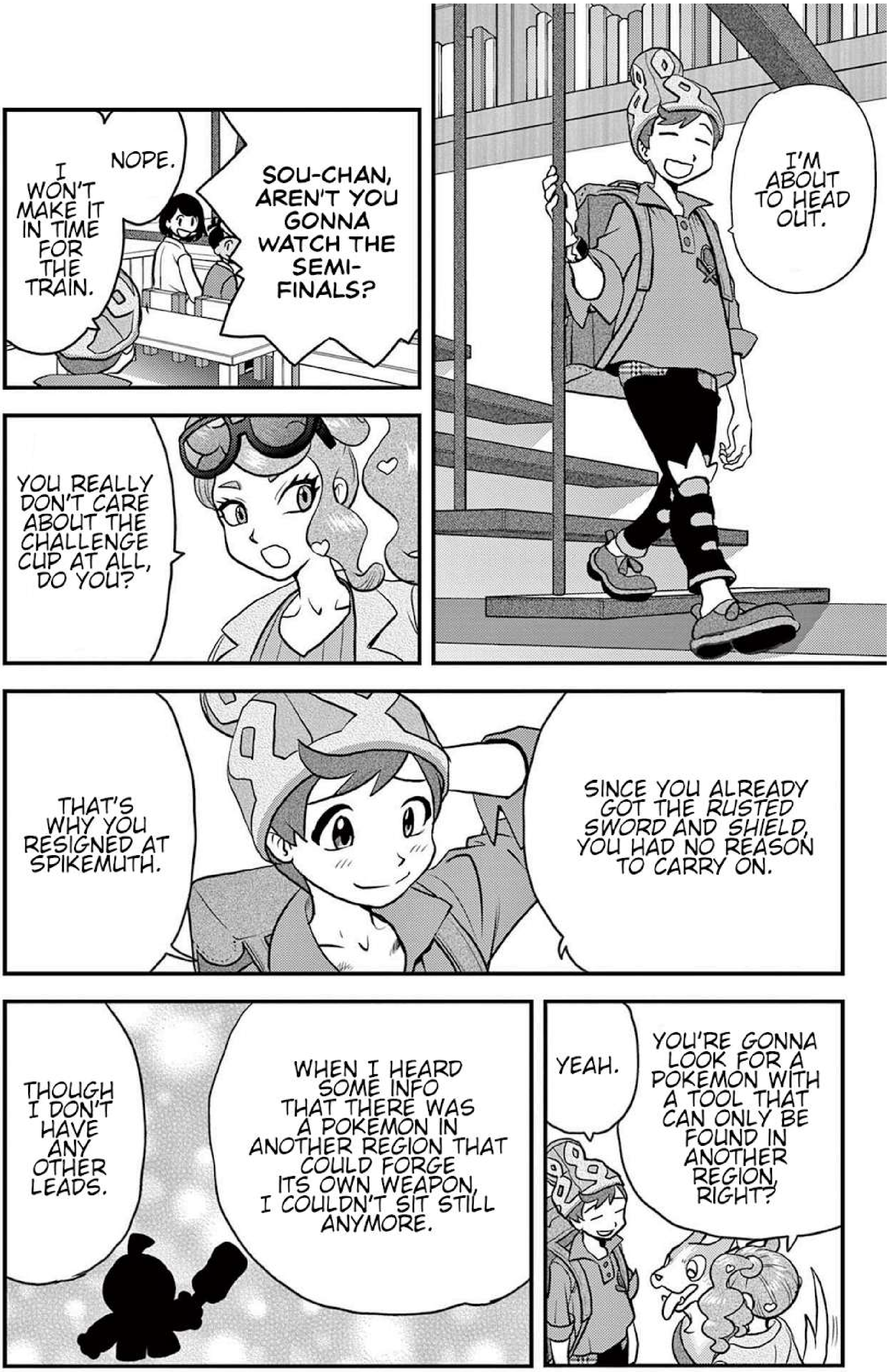
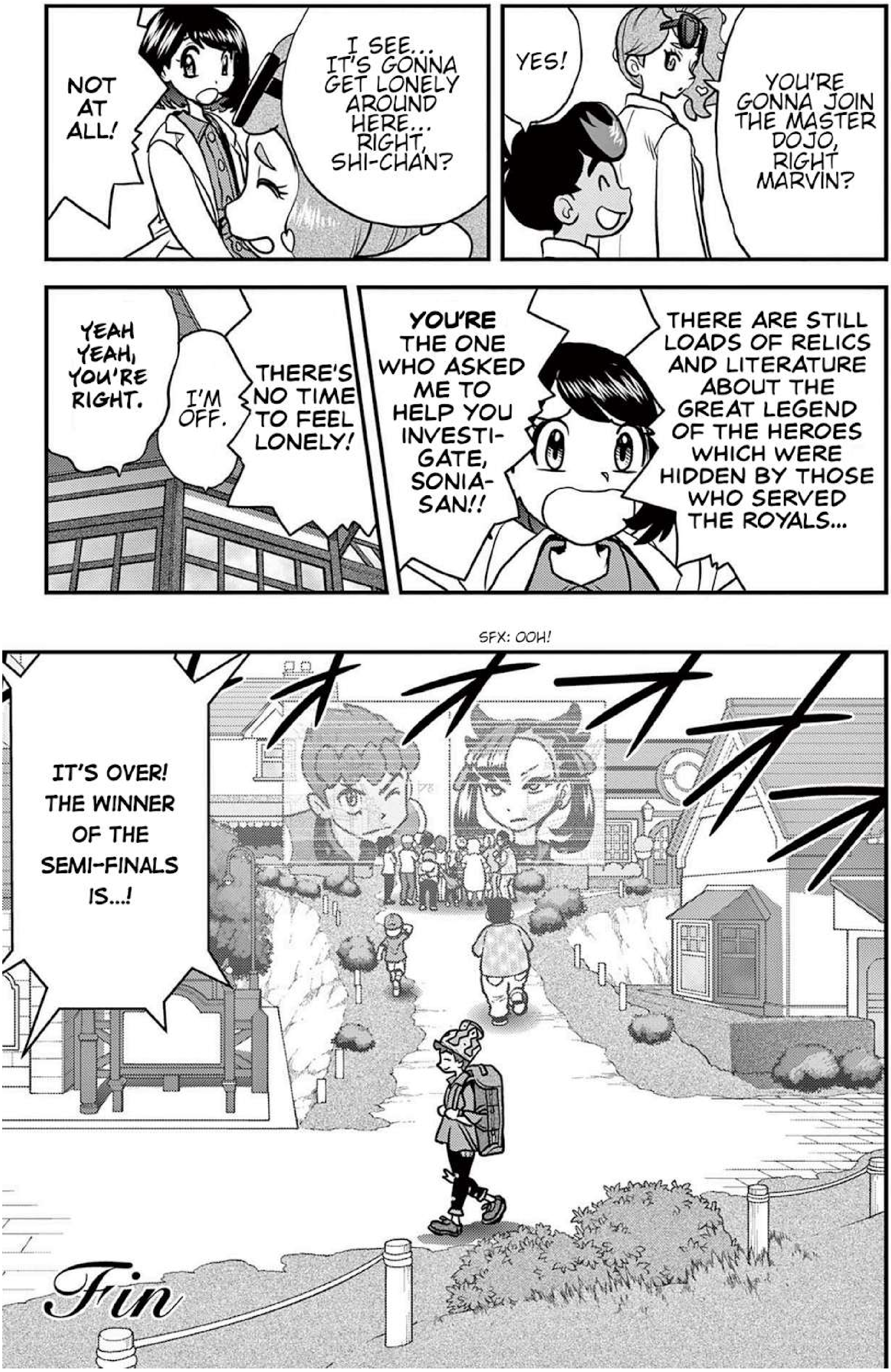

CHALLENGER MARNIE G-MAXED HER GRIMMSNARL!
HOW WILL CHALLENGER HOP REACT!?

I- I HOPE HOP-SAN WINS.
HOW COME?
PIERS-SAN SAID THAT IF HE LOST TO MARNIE-SAN, HE WOULD HAND OVER HIS POSITION TO HER AND RESTART HIS MUSIC CAREER.
I WANT TO SEE PIERS-SAN'S HEINOUS LIVE SHOW!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE TIME THEY DESTROYED THE LIVEHOUSE AND SCATTERED POISON ON THE AUDIENCE?
WASN'T IT A POKEMON WHO DID THAT? IT WASN'T PIERS-SAN.
THEY DESTROYED THE LIVE-HOUSE TOO?!
ANYWAY, WH- WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SONIA-SAN?!
JUST BEFORE THE LIVE PERFORMANCE, THE BAND MEMBERS WERE IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE, SO THEY ENDED UP SELLING THEIR INSTRUMENTS.
BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY HAD TO QUICKLY GATHER POKEMON THAT COULD MAKE SOUNDS AND HAD AN IMPROMPTU PERFORMANCE. BUT THEN THE EXCITED EXPLOUD USED HYPER VOICE AND BROKE EQUIPMENT AND WALLS, WHILE TOXTRICITY SCATTERED TOXIC SWEAT.
THE WHOLE THING BECAME EXAGGERATED AND THE RUMOUR ABOUT AN 'EVIL PUNK SINGER CALLED PIERS' WAS BORN.
SO ALL OF THAT WAS TRUE!?
ACTUALLY, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT, SONIA-SAN!?
WELL, I WAS AT THAT LIVE-SHOW.
WHA~T!?
SFX: TAP TAP


I'M ABOUT TO HEAD OUT.
SOU-CHAN, AREN'T YOU GONNA WATCH THE SEMI-FINALS?
NOPE.
I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THE TRAIN.
YOU REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE CHALLENGE CUP AT ALL, DO YOU?
SINCE YOU ALREADY GOT THE RUSTED SWORD AND SHIELD, YOU HAD NO REASON TO CARRY ON.
THAT'S WHY YOU RESIGNED AT SPIKEMUTH.
YOU'RE GONNA LOOK FOR A POKEMON WITH A TOOL THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN ANOTHER REGION, RIGHT?
YEAH.
WHEN I HEARD SOME INFO THAT THERE WAS A POKEMON IN ANOTHER REGION THAT COULD FORGE ITS OWN WEAPON, I COULDN'T SIT STILL ANYMORE.
THOUGH I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER LEADS.


YOU'RE GONNA JOIN THE MASTER DOJO, RIGHT MARVIN?
YES!
I SEE... IT'S GONNA GET LONELY AROUND HERE... RIGHT, SHI-CHAN?
NOT AT ALL!
THERE ARE STILL LOADS OF RELICS AND LITERATURE ABOUT THE GREAT LEGEND OF THE HEROES WHICH WERE HIDDEN BY THOSE WHO SERVED THE ROYALS...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO HELP YOU INVESTI-GATE, SONIA-SAN!!
THERE'S NO TIME TO FEEL LONELY!
I'M OFF.
YEAH YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
SFX: OOH!
IT'S OVER! THE WINNER OF THE SEMI-FINALS IS...!
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